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Portfolio £22,000 to be won There is £22,000 to be won in The Times Portfolio competition this weekend...

Best day in 16 months for sterling The pound rose yesterday to its highest average level since the beginning of March last year...

Youth sentenced for stabbing PC Lawyers for Christopher Ogleston plan to appeal against his nine year youth custody sentence for stabbing PC George Hammond...

Drug alert The Department of Health has warned hospitals and GPs not to use hydrocortisone sodium succinate...

Smith victory Mr Ian Smith's Conservative Alliance of Zimbabwe scored a decisive election victory...

Execution vote The US House of Representatives voted to allow military courts to impose the death penalty on convicted spies...

Rabbi's riposte In a statement to The Times, Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi, has joined in criticism of the latest Vatican document...

Threat to NUT The National Union of Teachers, which has named the schools affected by strike action next week...

Schools report Proposals to integrate handicapped children into ordinary schools are to be put forward in a report...

SA miners vote The prospect of strikes in South Africa's gold mines looms after the rejection by black miners...

Holiday money Holidays can end in disappointment and disaster if they are not carefully planned...

Record prize The winner of today's Irish Sweeps Derby will earn £1168,268...

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UN seeking transfer of hostages to Syria

Another plan to resolve the American hostage crisis appeared to be in the offing last night as UN officials tried to arrange for the near-simultaneous release of Lebanese prisoners by Israel and the transfer of the 39 American captives in Beirut and Syria...



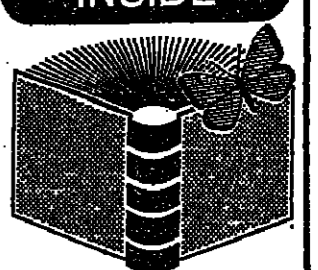
Lord and strong: Botham appealing successfully for 1-b-w against Wessels at Lord's (Photograph: Chris Cole).

Border near a century Allan Border, the Australian captain, was 92 not out at the end of the second day's play in the second Test match at Lord's yesterday...

Suspected bombs cache found in Glasgow flat

Material believed to be explosives and possibly arms was found yesterday in a Glasgow flat by detectives investigating suspected Provisional IRA activities...

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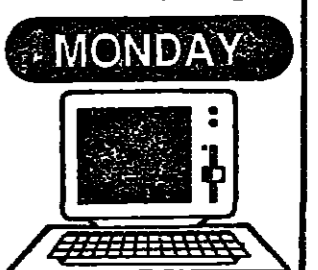
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The news revolution New technology catches up with newspapers

Triumphing over disease The last case of smallpox

Saudis lift hopes for oil stability

Hopes of averting a slump in world oil prices have brightened, with Saudi Arabia expected to persuade fellow members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to accept strict output controls...

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Media under fire for its prime-time hostages drama

Almost every evening their faces appear in the nation's living-rooms - tired, anxious but determined, sending messages of reassurance to their loved ones, warning their President not to attempt a military rescue...

Bid to end football ban fails

A High Court judge refused yesterday to lift the ban on English football clubs playing abroad...

Signal may be from black box

By Our Foreign Staff Irish officials said yesterday that the "black box" from the Air-India airliner that crashed last Sunday may have been located...

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London schools may integrate all handicapped children

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Proposals to integrate all handicapped children into ordinary schools in London are made in a 275-page report to be published next week by a committee chaired by Mr John Fish, a former senior Her Majesty's inspector.

principle of integrating the handicapped children in ordinary schools. Although Lady Warnock said in her report in 1978 that integration was desirable, she added that special schools would always be needed.

The report, entitled *Educational Opportunities for All*, could have a profound influence on special education in Britain if it causes other local authorities to opt for integration.

Tax evasion invalidates contract of employment

Employees who agree extra payments with their employers to evade tax run the risk of losing their employment protection rights, a High Court judge said in London yesterday.



Horses proved invaluable in Manila's flooded streets yesterday as buses, taxis and cars stalled. Hundreds of commuters were left stranded in knee-high water after city offices were ordered to close.

Aid work crippled by Sudan fighting

From Paul Vallely, Juba, southern Sudan

Two more big relief operations have been closed down in the south of Sudan where rebels of the Sudanese People's Liberation Army are tightening their grip around the handful of government-held garrison towns.

Prospects for a settlement to the civil war in the south, which holds the key to all long-term development in the country, seem as far away under the new military Government of General Swar al-Dahab as they were under the Nimeiry regime.

Yesterday the British agency Voluntary Service Overseas closed its operation in the south and pulled its last three volunteers out of Juba. Earlier in the week the UNDP withdrew its staff from a UNDP water project and a UNDP handicraft co-operative in the government-held town of Wau.

"This is the first time VSO has ever closed down an operation for reasons of security," said Peter Gilbert, the VSO field director in Juba. "When I came here two years ago we were working throughout the whole of the south."

In the past 20 months I have personally evacuated 13 volunteers, one by air, because I felt they were in danger. There has been a continuous decline of an atmosphere conducive to volunteer work.

The organization, which has closed down projects in Kongor, Malakal, Wau and Talanga over the past 12 months, has been able to bring only three of the 40 volunteers it has planned in the past six months.

"We are working in 39 other countries. We cannot afford to jeopardize the credibility of our work there by taking unnecessary risks here," Mr Gilbert said.

Other factors in the decision to leave included the unavailability of funds to fulfil the financial commitments to VSO work and a growing awareness that the organization's resources could be more effectively spent elsewhere, he added.

Fighting between the liberation forces and the Sudanese Army continued this week with a prolonged battle in the town of Bor at the end of which the rebel radio claimed to have almost completely overpowered the garrison, destroyed its ammunition stores, and sank three river steamers by bringing re-inforcements along the Nile to the garrison. More than 400 soldiers are said to have died when the boats were blown out of the water.

The NUM after the strike: 3

Legal hitch to regaining assets

In the final article on next week's miners' conference, David Felton, Labour Correspondent, looks at the union's finances which are controlled by receivership and sequestration court orders after a series of legal actions out of the miners' strike.

Three months after the pit strike ended the chaotic state of the National Union of Mine-workers shows no signs of stabilizing and lawyers predict that it could take the union 12 months to extricate its money from the control of the courts.

Mr Justice Mervyn Davies held out no hope of an early unravelling of the financial imbroglio.

Receivership and sequestration have put a double constraint on the union after its refusal to pay a contempt of court for which it was last year fined £200,000. In addition to some form of apology to get the sequestration lifted, the union would need to co-operate with the receiver and satisfy him on the worth of its trustees before the receivership could end.

£1.2m RIBA bid for architects' insurance group

The Royal Institute of British Architects is negotiating to buy ABS Insurance, which has 75 per cent of the £27 million professional indemnity insurance market for architects.

Fears of 'free-for-all' on housing in Lake District

Conservationists and planners in the Lake District are concerned that there will be a "free-for-all" over housing after the decision by Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, to remove local occupancy conditions on new dwellings in the national park.

Hajek under 24-hour police watch

Vienna (Reuters) - The former Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, Mr Jiri Hajek, has been placed under strict round-the-clock surveillance to prevent him meeting foreigners, emigre sources said here.

Turkish Cyprus wins friends

A group of pro-Turkish MPs and peers from the Conservative and Labour Parties have formed a new cross-party parliamentary group, the Friends of Turkish Cyprus.

Crise off

Vancouver (AP) - A cruise from here to Alaska for 600 passengers was cancelled after 65 cabin stewards, members of the British National Union of Seamen, went on strike against P and O Lines.

Chief Rabbi upset by Vatican guide

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, has added his voice to other Jewish criticism of the latest Vatican document on Jewish-Christian relations.

The passage on which most Jewish objections have focussed states: "The existence of the state of Israel and its political options should be envisaged not in a perspective which is itself religious, but in their reference to the common principles of international law."

Flood chaos kills 20 in Manila

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Monsoon rains dumped more than 12 inches of rain on Manila yesterday, leaving at least 20 people dead and thousands more in relief centres sheltering from the Philippine capital's worst floods in more than a decade.

The passage on which most Jewish objections have focussed states: "The existence of the state of Israel and its political options should be envisaged not in a perspective which is itself religious, but in their reference to the common principles of international law."

The Chief Rabbi said Jews would "find it difficult to fathom the meaning of this enigmatic statement... when in fact throughout the ages the vision of the Jewish return to Zion has been essentially religious."

Breaking the ice in a Soviet desert

From Richard Owen, Chardzhou

The dawn flight from Baku, on the aging Tupolev 134, lumbered over the Karakum desert and headed for Bakuhara by way of Samarband.

It was difficult to see what could be worth hiding at Chardzhou, even if it was a port on the Amu Darya and not far from the Afghan border.

Killer brew

Peking (Reuters) - Nineteen people died in Chengdu and seven were seriously ill after drinking almost pure industrial alcohol sold as rice wine.

British gift

Britain has agreed to waive the repayment of £51 million borrowed by Ghana in aid loans, the Overseas Development Administration said.

Film editor dies

Los Angeles (AP) - The film editor, Barbara Ford, whose last credit was the hit film *Mash* died, aged 62, here after a long illness.

Home Secretary condemns London police monitoring groups

The GLC would rescue at least a schizoid of its reputation for objectivity if it were to withdraw its police committee's recent video, Mr Lena Brittan, the Home Secretary, told the Commons at the start of a debate on the policing of London.

Under this Government the figures had risen remorselessly. Last year in London crime had risen by 9 per cent, a new record level, but the clear-up rate overall was a lamentable 17 per cent.

Mr Nigel Spearling (Newham South, Lab) said that the drain on the Metropolitan Police caused by the miners strike had profound effect on morale. It had been an unnecessary dispute and he was convinced that the action taken in relation to Corton Wood colliery had been provocative, ill-considered and may have been designed to precipitate the dispute.

Video attacked
Mr John Wheeler (Westminster North, C) said the recent video made at a cost of £33,000 of taxpayers' money and already being shown to many London schoolchildren was particularly damaging. It would help if Mr Kaufman would come to the House and say that this chapter did nothing to advance the well-being of the community nor the efforts of the police and he and his party disavowed it.

Warning of influx of baby agencies from US

HOUSE OF LORDS

A large number of surrogate baby agencies were setting in America anxious to start up on this side of the Atlantic, Lady Warnock, author of the Warnock report on human fertilisation and embryoology, said in the Lords.

In this country agencies which exploited both the misery of childless couples and the willingness of women to act as surrogates.

The Bishop of Ripon expressed concern about the possible growth of non-commercial agencies and looked forward to the introduction of more comprehensive legislation.



Spearling: Exercise powers with sense of humour.

Mr Kaufman retorted that the real Dick Tracy would be better in the London crime wave.

The Community summit in Milan

Thatcher urges majority voting and denies any need for new treaty

From Ian Murray, Milan

The EEC summit was last night flirting coyly with radical new proposals to streamline the Community's cumbersome decision-making procedures...

With ministers forced to vote through the measures needed to implement the programme. This was the way in which she felt the Community should go about the work over the next six years...



Signor Craxi welcoming Mrs Thatcher in Milan for special talks on the Brussels football riot before the European summit opened yesterday.

Comecon to pursue firmer EEC links

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The leaders of Comecon yesterday expressed their support for establishing official links with the European Community but insisted that the West would have to abandon the use of economic sanctions...

Craxi given details of riot payouts

Milan - The families of the 38 people killed in the Brussels football riot are to be paid £5,000 each from the £250,000 fund set up by Britain after the tragedy...

Cardinal widens the religious horizon

From Peter Nichols, Rome

Cardinal Martini, the Archbishop of Milan, has issued a strong reminder to the European summit participants that many people living outside the Community in Eastern Europe have in common with us the same traditions and the same hopes...

Two fined for horror crash in France

Paris - Jean Bourtaiz, owner of the two coaches involved in France's worst road accident near Beaune three years ago, was given a suspended sentence of one year's imprisonment and fined about £2,000 for the manslaughter of the 53 people who died, including 44 children.

Big poll win for Smith's party

Bulawayo (AP, Reuter) - Mr Ian Smith and his Conservatives scored a decisive victory over their moderate rivals yesterday winning 15 of the 20 seats reserved for whites in the 100-member Zimbabwe National Assembly.

Judge to speed trial of Britons

Lagos (Reuter) - A judge here yesterday set aside seven days to speed up the trial of two British engineers held for more than a year on charges of conspiracy and aircraft theft.

Surinam change

Paramaribo (Reuter) - Surinam's military ruler, Colonel Desi Bouterse announced a new government with few notable changes after a Cabinet crisis caused by the resignation of three ministers in April.

As you were

Budapest (Reuter) - Hungary's new National Assembly re-elected President Pal Losonczi for a further five-year term. Mr Losonczi, who is 66, has been President since 1967 and is one of the Soviet bloc's longest serving heads of state.

Prelate robbed

Beirut (Reuter) - Three gunmen held up a Lebanese Greek Orthodox archbishop near Beirut airport and stole his pectoral cross and money. Archbishop Elias Qorban was returning from a visit to Paris.

Fish rebuff

Honiara (Reuter) - The Solomon Islands has rebuffed a move by the Soviet Union to establish fishing rights in its exclusive economic zone, the acting Prime Minister, Mr Ezekiel Alebu, said here.

Sri Lanka names team for talks

From Vijitha Yapa Colombo

Mr H. W. Jayewardene, the brother of the Sri Lankan President will lead the Government delegation in talks with the Tamil separatist organizations expected to be held on July 7 in Bhutan.

Wage surrender plan for Israel workers

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Ministers held urgent talks in Israel yesterday as the Government sought agreement on a new austerity package to alleviate the economic crisis, particularly the drain on the balance of payments and unchecked hyperinflation.

More SS20s in Europe Bush says

From Frederick Bonnart Brussels

Mr George Bush, the US Vice-President, said here that the Soviet Union has deployed more SS20 missiles in Europe. Far from cutting back, they were expanding, he said on a visit to Nato headquarters in Brussels yesterday.

Nicaragua troop ban

Washington - The Democrat-controlled House of Representatives, after an emotionally charged debate, has approved a qualified ban on any sending of US troops into Nicaragua without consultations with Congress.

Nicaragua troop ban

Supporters said that the amendment sent a strong signal to President Reagan that the House would not unconditionally back military intervention in Nicaragua.

Election scuttles Guatemala pact hopes

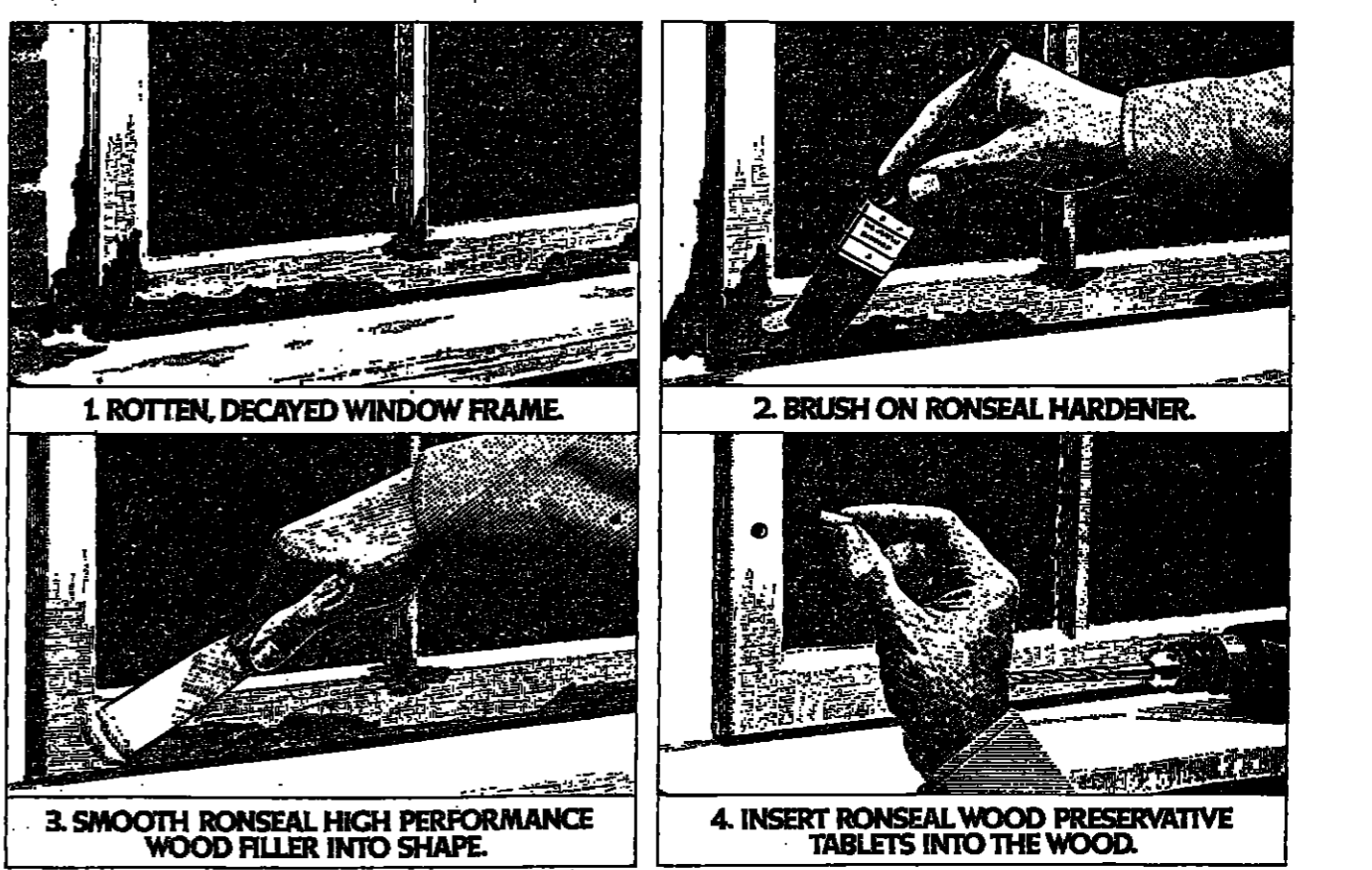
From Christopher Thomas Washington

A tentative accord between Britain and Guatemala to re-establish a low level of diplomatic activity has broken down, essentially because of disagreement over the language of a joint statement on the disputed territory of Belize.

Guatemalan military government. The atmosphere between the neighbours appears to have improved dramatically during several rounds of secret talks in New York, the last of which were held in February.

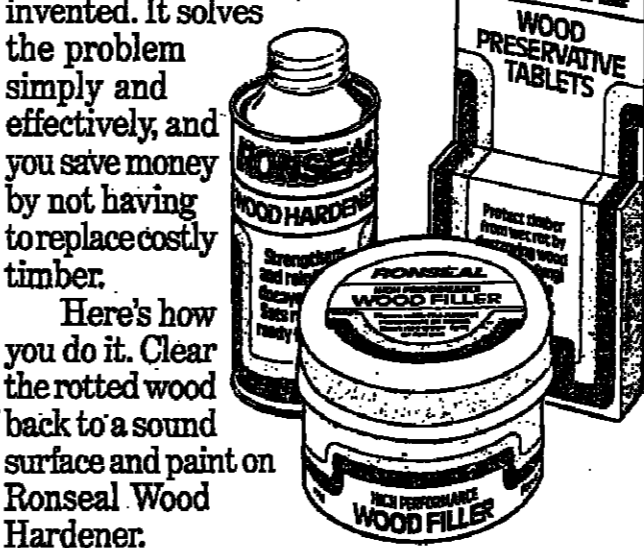
granting of concession rights in parts of the southern district of Toledo to Guatemala. That would meet Guatemala's consistent demand that it should have open access to the Caribbean.

Guatemala's ruling generals have agreed to hold presidential elections at the end of the year to end 31 years of military dictatorship, a decision that has given Belize a greater sense of security against attack.



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SPORTING DIARY Simon Barnes

Shattering blow

Perhaps it was a natural response to the quality of the dressing-room tea, but Craig McDermott, the chunky Australian fast bowler, has been breaking up the home of Stanley Birchall, the Leicestershire visitors' dressing-room steward.

Long fellowship

There is plenty of fuss about Lester Piggott's expected retirement at the end of the season, and Dick Francis himself is writing a book on the man's career.

Lost leader

The Tanzanian prime minister, Saibhu Ahmed Salim, has refused to renew the contract of the national football coach, a Briton named Geoffrey Hudson.

Allia boule

My contention that Sir Francis Drake was playing petanque - boule rather than bowls - on Plymouth Hoe has not been received in silence.

BARRY FANTONI



"Would you like to drive back to the pub for another couple of pints? This intoximeter isn't working properly"

Love-thirty

There will be a special church service to celebrate "what God is doing in tennis" at Holy Trinity, Brompton Road, London, tomorrow.

Non-slip

Tennis has produced one of the more bizarre items of sporting technology. You can now buy your own racket handle drier.

Breathe life into Stonehenge

by Christopher Chippindale

For everyone involved, the events surrounding this summer's Stonehenge solstice have been an appalling mess. Somewhere under this shambles is a sacred old place that deserves more respect.

sometimes been as a camp on the field next door, it has never done any harm to the stones themselves. Public enjoyment of the Stonehenge midsummer has a long history.

car park a mile away, and to restore to Stonehenge some ancient peace. This autumn, the National Trust opens a network of footpaths that will show Stonehenge to the visitor, not as an isolated curiosity but as part of a living landscape of ancient wood, earth and chalk monuments.

Rural rides - with a hitch

by William Cobbett

It being exactly one century and a half since my death, and with it the decease of the Political Register I beg, that Times readers, themselves now celebrants of a bicentenary, will here indulge me in my late observations on the condition of the nation, relating in particular to the state of the countryside, and to the policies of certain of our present ministers.

June 1, 1985. From The Wen, or "Greater London", to the southern part of Lincolnshire.

I would have gone by horse, save that the tracks are all vanished. Further, the vile paper system, against which I inveighed as long ago as 1825, has so debased the currency of the realm that I could scarcely afford the hire and keep of the merest nag for a week's excursion.

I took train from Liverpool Street and was most roundly quizzed by the ticket master as to my requirements. Did I wish to remain for the better part of a month? At what time did I wish to depart? Did I desire a smoking carriage and so on until I felt three parts obliged to declare to him the colour of my grandchild's eyes.

The Wen is much expanded since my day. It has choked the countryside for some 20 miles about with what are called suburbs and ribbon developments. We took fully 30 minutes and as many miles to pull ourselves into open country and for all that I found when we finally gained the heath of East Anglia, we had as well stayed at home.

A stout soul by the name of Atkins, looking older than his 24 years, told me of how he had lost his tied cottage with the closure of the dairy farm which had been tenanted by his father and his grandfather.



As readers of the Register and Rides will know, it is my nature and my habit to go a-haranguing of farmers, not of the fellows who swell their coffers with hand labour. I was therefore alarmed when Atkins, now on his fourth or fifth pint of ale (his capacity being somewhat less than mine) took offence at my plain questions and accused me of being another land agent up from the Wen.

What I saw enriched my spirit as little as it enriches the soil. It appears that the days of rotation are quite gone, and that the trinity of Baron Barley, King Capital and Milford Machinery contrive between them to intoxicate the ground with chemistry, season upon season, year after year. All is justified by the sixfold and sevenfold increase in the grain yield, and by the inordinate subsidies. My guide, demonstrating a reluctant expertise, spoke to me of additives and stimulants which I vainly tried to commit to memory.

The wealthy parasites of the Wen are not content to turn the natural earth into a laboratory; nor will they rest at grubbing from the land 130,000 miles of hedgerow, which is quite as irremediable and long-established as the listed buildings of the City from which they conduct their affairs, and which they see protected with the greatest instruments of the bureaucracy. No, they do not stop here; they must have the fellows from the land as well.

After some two miles of tramping, hard against a single hedge from which we could spy no other, Atkins became overwhelmed in a quiet way. I did not enquire as to the reason, nor had I need to; nor, indeed, could I for he at once took his leave, retracing his steps in the direction of the public house - the light now failing and last orders being but 30 minutes off - and leaving me to plod I knew not where save that it was, by the greater darkness of the sky eastwards. At this point I could, like Shakespeare's Richard, have given my kingdom for a horse - but with the kingdom in such condition, I know of no nag-dealer who would have fallen for the proposition.

These poor men are flushing milk by the gallon (which is now called four-and-a-bit litres) down their drains for fear of incurring the quota tax. It was Walker's Prescription which had them invest in new plant and extra stock - now it is Jopling's Brake which leaves them battered to the bank for fruitless investment.

My days of haranguing the farmers are all done, for it is to the Ministers that I must now turn my attention. I mean not merely the Ministers of the Nation, but the Commissioners of the EEC (which initials I take to stand for Easy Easy Cash). For this Common Agricultural Policy is the rarest of contradictions. It is neither common, for there is a gross inequity of benefit, nor is it agricultural, for it has nothing to do with the natural husbandry of the farm, but is a policy, for it is informed by nothing but ignorance.

Coming from the West Country by way of The Wen, I had reason to take the Motorway, traversing regions which are much given to the practice of straw-burning. I ask you what manner of economy we have that destroys with fire a material much coveted by the colleagues of the manufacturers for lack of frugal transport, just as it distributes grain surplus as a gift to a nation - I mean the Soviet Union, whose prosperity it would happily undermine?

I do not mean to wax nostalgic. I have learnt as well as the next man (though God knows it has been a posthumous education) that you cannot have a Bejeman without first having had a Beeching. Nonetheless, what a system of destruction, what a skein of murder is this pattern of six-lane highways.

With the benefit of an Ordnance Map, which I say is the sole benefit to have accrued from the wazral and profligate years of our defences against the French, I established that I was indeed walking upon the site of a well-marked settlement. The building remains that I describe I took to be nothing other than an old midden. All the wiles of King Chemistry have not been able to rid the ground of this most fertilizing agent, excrement. The phosphates here accumulated furnish a most fecund bed for the nettles, which rise as perennial reminders of evicted humanity.

Woodrow Wyatt Tax courage that could pay

Some view taxation as an instrument to punish those with the effrontery to earn more than the average. Recently Roy Hattersley, Labour's shadow Chancellor, said Labour would tax the rich more, defining rich as those with incomes of £20,000 and above.

There is a general agreement that worthwhile cuts cannot be made unless public spending is reduced or at least curbed. In real terms it has gone up by 8 per cent since 1979. Some ministers point to this with pride as showing that Conservatives are willing to spend and waste more, as a share of national output, than their Labour predecessors.

On the 1985 budget it cost £2,025 million to raise the tax thresholds by 10 per cent and take £800,000 out of paying tax altogether. To do this again would cost slightly more. To get the standard rate of income tax to 25 per cent, a public aim of this government, would cost £5,750 million.

It is suggested that this kind of money can come from privatization of state industries. When shares in British Telecom are finally paid up the government's take will be about £4,000 million. British Airways may go for around £900 million. Perhaps gas may raise another £5,000 million. But what happens when all this money is blown?

Privatization may be important in improving efficiency and reducing costs to consumers, though BT provides no evidence of this. It cannot be a continuing basis for lower taxes. Every time Mrs Lawson proposes something that would be his colleagues run scared.

Mr Reagan's choices were more restricted. The option of murdering one's own citizens so as not to be blackmailed by threats from others to murder them was not open to him. But when he ended his press conference on Tuesday, the general verdict was that he had done well.

As soon as he announced that, however, it changed all the calcu-

(despite the fact that mortgage payments account for 1.7 per cent of the increase in our inflation rate to 7 per cent, unnecessarily pushing up wages). Even Sir Keith Joseph's attempt to cut subsidy of rich parents of university students failed.

True, something is being done about state earnings-related pensions, though probably too little. But the recasting of the whole system of welfare payments looks distinctly tentative. Commenting on a book by Peter Taylor, Dooby in The Times on Tuesday, David Walker observed that the child benefit, provision of day care for children, help for single parents and income supplement for those in low-paid work have little public support and two thirds believe that welfare provision should be cut.

This government is slowly forcing trade union leaders to obey their own whims and prejudices. It has convinced many that unemployment is due more to our inability to produce goods at the same price and quality as our competitors than to any defect in magic wand-waving by the government. But if its radicalism gives out when faced with restructuring public spending and the way in which the welfare state operates, many will wonder in what essential way it differs from any other government.

It should be easy to slip £15 billion a year off the public spending of £134 billion and reduce tax permanently. Easy, that is if ministers were not frightened by silly slogans accusing them of callousness and favouring the rich. Without the courage to take the prerequisite action, holding out promises of serious and permanent tax cuts is a false prospectus.

John O'Sullivan

The eagle draws in its claws

New York How would Machiavelli have handled the Beirut hostage crisis? He would not, one feels, have announced that the safety of the hostages was his "primary goal".

His priority would probably have been either to punish the hijackers with enough élat to deter further hijackings, or simply to end the crisis as soon as possible. If the former, he would have stormed the plane and shot all and sundry with little distinction between hijacker and victim. If the latter, he might have shot it down as it shuttled back and forth between Beirut and Algiers. The world would then assume that a careless terrorist's grenade had destroyed it, and the crisis would be over.

Mr Reagan's choices were more restricted. The option of murdering one's own citizens so as not to be blackmailed by threats from others to murder them was not open to him. But when he ended his press conference on Tuesday, the general verdict was that he had done well. As the week wore on, the significance of the praise became clear. By admirers and detractors alike, Mr Reagan is judged to have achieved the stature of Jimmy Carter.

But the faceless lives saved have little appeal in comparison with people we actually see suffering. And although we expect people in wartime to endure suffering and defy their captors, no one has convinced the American people that they are fighting a war against terrorism. So people want to get the whole affair over and done with. In response Mr Reagan, while publicly refusing to negotiate, made their safety his first priority and pronounced himself a Carterite.

Such a concession is a disaster for the hijacked government because it renders terrorism almost risk-free. Fortunately, the government can break its word and retaliate anyway. This has the long-term advantage that it makes all such future promises worthless and restores serious risk to the terrorist's trade.

By contrast, the government is checked at every point. The only way it can protect its imprisoned citizens is to threaten retaliation which delays their release. In short, everything appears exaggeratedly difficult once the safety of the hostages is placed above all other considerations. This is naturally misunderstood by those who are opposed to any assertion of American power, whose "bureaucracy" and "complexity" are everywhere. Thus a New York Times editorial this week praised President Reagan for overcoming his "hazy simplicities" and facing up to the nation's "complexity of torment". The nation's torment is not, of course, complex at all. It is perfectly straightforward. But then complexity is the last refuge of the scoundrel.

Mr Reagan and his foreign policy supporters have, however, generally been anxious to use American power and confident of its efficacy. His apparent conversion to Carter's policy, with its strain of defeatism where it failed most spectacularly, is therefore a great reversal. Much may change: it is perhaps early days in the crisis. For the moment, though, the idea of narrow limits on US power, which Carter symbolised and Reagan challenged, looks like a deep-seated national attitude rather than a passing party-mataise.



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Rehabilitating Judas

THE character of Judas has long been in need of some rehabilitation. Christians are as good as anyone else, and often better, at stereotyping into goodies and baddies.

Judas is an archetypal baddie. Peter, whose feast is today, is in contrast a rock-like goodie, although it is to be granted that he had feet of clay.

Both men were disciples of Jesus, chosen members of the twelve. They left all and followed him who had called them to what must have been, in personal and learning terms, a most demanding experience.

They were men of action, they wanted to see things happen. In this respect Peter was practical, cutting off an ear and the like. Perhaps Judas was the more cerebral, responding to the wider, political, implications of Jesus' teaching.

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The night sky in July

By Our Astronomy Correspondent

Mercury will be at greatest elongation (27°) on the 14th, but will set only an hour after the Sun and there will be little chance of seeing it.



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 22h (19pm) on the 22nd, and 23h (10pm) on the 23rd.

There is one really dark sky this month, as astronomical twilight lasts all night until the last week and by then there will be moonlight. However, some stars can be seen.

Readers who cut out and file these notes, or have the annual booklet, can study these changes for themselves.

Requiem Mass

A memorial requiem mass was celebrated for David Lewis, former manager of Good Relations Group plc and chief executive of Good Relations City, at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and St Thomas More Church, on Thursday, June 27, 1965.

Among those present were Mrs David Lewis (widow), Rupert Lewis (son), other relatives, friends, members of Good Relations Group plc, former business and press colleagues, Mr Michael Mates, MP, and Mrs J. G. Patten, MP.

After the end of the war, he went back to resume his partnership with Linklater and Paines. He was also instrumental in drawing up under English law the basis for unit trusts.

He was deeply devoted to his wife, Alison (Mary Alison), daughter of James MacLehose, who was official printer to the University of Glasgow whom he married in 1926, and to their children: two sons and one daughter.

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SIR ARTHUR FFORDE

Former chairman of the BBC

Sir Arthur Forde, GBE, who had a distinguished career in law, education and public service, died on June 26 at the age of 84.

He qualified as a solicitor in 1925, and in 1928 became a partner in the firm of Linklater and Paines, which had among its clients such distinguished institutions as the Stock Exchange, General Purposes Committee, and later the Stock Exchange Council.

He took an active part in the institutional and educational side of the profession and became a member of the Council of the Law Society in 1937.

He held strongly that although competition with commercial television must be full-blooded within proper limits, BBC standards must not themselves be commercialized in any way.

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MR WILLIAM CLARK

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Genes transferred into fertilized eggs

By Pearce Wright. An advance in genetic engineering which falls squarely into the realm of Huxley's Brave New World is reported in Nature.

Science report

The scientists chose to create the gene which is known naturally to be responsible for the regulation of human growth hormone. The biochemical containing the necessary genetic molecule was simply inserted into each egg cell through a microscopically thin glass tube.

Receptions

Standing Council of the Baronetage Sir Rowland Whitehead, BT, chairman, was host at a reception for members of the Standing Council at the Grosvenor Hotel.

Services tomorrow: Fourth Sunday after Trinity

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, 9.30, 10.30, 11.30. St Paul's Cathedral, London WC2A 3AP.

Wartime pilot leaves £295,161

Mr James Michael Bazza, of Weybridge, Surrey, the Battle of Britain fighter pilot, left estate valued at £295,161.

Beating Retreat

SSAFA Oxfordshire, President of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association, accompanied by Princess Michael of Kent, attended the ceremony of Beating Retreat by the band of the 5th Guards and pipes and drums of the Guards Depot at Blenheim Palace.

Cambridge Tripos

More Cambridge University Tripos examination results will be carried on Monday.

THUR FFORDE
Chairman of the BB

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Firm end to weak account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Begin Monday. Dealings End, July 12. Contango Day, July 15. Settlement Day, July 22. \$ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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Table with 4 columns: No., Company, Price, Year or less. Lists various companies under categories like INDUSTRIALS & K, DRAPERY AND STORES, ELECTRICALS, FOODS, and BRITISH FUNDS.

Weekly Dividend table with columns for days of the week (MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUN) and a total column.

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INDUSTRIALS A-D table listing companies in the industrial sector (A-D).

INDUSTRIALS E-K table listing companies in the industrial sector (E-K).

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INDUSTRIALS S-Z table listing companies in the industrial sector (S-Z).

Table listing companies in the M-N range.

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Table listing companies in the AK-AL range.

Table listing companies in the AM-AN range.

Table listing companies in the AO-AP range.

OIL table listing oil-related companies and their prices.

OVERSEAS TRADERS table listing overseas trading companies.

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G table listing companies in the paper, printing, and advertising sector.

PROPERTY table listing real estate and property-related companies.

MINING table listing companies in the mining sector.

SHIPPING table listing companies in the shipping sector.

SHOES AND LEATHER table listing companies in the shoes and leather sector.

TEXTILES table listing companies in the textiles sector.

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Main table containing unit trust information with columns for fund name, bid, offer, and change. Includes sub-sections like 'UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS' and 'GENERAL INVESTMENT'.

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

Table containing unit linked insurance investment information with columns for fund name, bid, offer, and change. Includes sub-sections like 'GENERAL INVESTMENT' and 'UNIT LINKED INVESTMENT'.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar fell quite sharply yesterday after the release of US economic statistics and trade figures. Leading indicators, which had been expected to show an increase of 0.9 to 1.0 per cent, in the event showed a rise of 0.7 per cent. Trading had been thin all day at the month and quarter-ends and the lower-than-expected figures, possibly showing that recent speculation about a rebounding of the US economy may have been premature, prompted dollar selling.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Table with columns for Market rates, Date, and various currency rates for Sterling spot and forward rates.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table with columns for Country, Rate, and other details for Dollar spot rates.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Period rates were unchanged to a shade softer at the end of yesterday, they had firmed initially because of the tight state of nearby funds, the Bank of England's warning on interest rates and worries about the Opec meeting next month.

TREASURY BILL TENDER

Table with columns for Application, Bid, and other details for Treasury bill tenders.

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS

Table with columns for Currency, Term, and Rate for Euro-currency deposits.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table with columns for Company, Price, and other details for investment trusts.

COMMODITIES

Table with columns for Commodity, Price, and other details for various commodities.

WALL STREET

New York (Agencies) - Shares Before the market opened, the Dow Jones Industrial average was down 0.78 points to 1,331.43.

Table with columns for Stock Name, Price, and other details for Wall Street market activity.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table with columns for Contract, Price, and other details for London financial futures.

APPOINTMENTS

Compass Services UK: Mr R. Dickson becomes managing director. The West Africa Committee: Mr A. J. Shelley has been elected chairman.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Ward White is ready for a spoonful of Maynards

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Expect Ward White Group, the ambitious show manufacturing and retailing group, to announce on Monday that it has acquired a taste for Maynards, the confectionery and toy group.

Looking back as far as May 22, when the indices were close to a record, the 30-share has lost 8.1 per cent and the 100-share 7.4 per cent.

Share prices reflected a few more hopeful signs, with an early rally damped down during the day only to rise again in late trading. By the close, most indices were up.

Among high technology stocks, CFS Computers gained 2p to 55p. On Tuesday the company announced disappointing interim profits of £602,000 against £948,000.

Garfunkel's Restaurants has shown no inclination to join in the market retreat. Its shares rose 5p yesterday to a 27 1/2 high.

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Traded option highlights

Commercial Union stood out on the traded options lists yesterday as dealers chalked up a total of 1,251 contracts traded in a C.U. of a market total of 7,214 trades.

COMPANY NEWS

ALLIED COLLOIDS GROUP: Year to March 30. Total dividend 1.6p (1.4p) making 2.3p (1.9p). Figures in 200. Turnover 105.14 (£2,670). Gross Profit 44,802 (£3,236). Distribution costs 8,615 (£2,805). Administration costs 16,454 (£1,849). Operating profit 19,733 (£1,493). Interest payable and other charges 457 (304). Pretax profit 19,274 (£1,189).

TEMPUS An Antipodean shot in arm for Tozer

Manna descends from heaven in a variety of forms. For the hapless shareholders in Tozer Kempsey & Millbourn it comes in the shape of that Antipodean, entrepreneur Mr Ron Brierley. His IEL Group is to provide £12.7 million to effect the much needed refinancing, ensuring not only TKM's immediate survival but also control of the company.

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns for Issue Name, Price, and other details for recent issues.

FAMILY MONEY/1

Just what the doctors ordered from Fidelity

Fidelity International has launched a new unit trust which, it claims, fulfils the need of two categories of investor so far ignored by the unit trust industry. Fidelity's new Professional Growth Trust is designed to appeal to push professional people with no time to manage their own investments, and to all unit trust investors dissatisfied with their own lack of involvement in conventional trusts.

The minimum investment is £2,500, showing that the company aims to attract relatively high-earning investors. The fund is also designed to keep down the number of investors so that the service they get can be more personal. They can come and meet the fund manager at an annual meeting to find out in detail what he had been doing with his money, and they will receive quarterly reports on the international investment scene from Fidelity's managers.

The fund was originally conceived in conjunction with the British Medical Association which wanted an investment vehicle to suit its members. This led to the banning of all tobacco manufacturers' stocks in the fund which, says Fidelity, will not affect performance.

It also means that although the fund was put on offer to doctors from June 24, it is not available to the general public until July 15. If you are not a doctor, you can send an application to be put on reserve at Fidelity's office in Tonbridge, Kent, until the full launch date.

More interest in the rates race

As building societies continue to jockey for position in the race for investor's cash, the Alliance has raised the interest rate on its Premier Account to 11 per cent net of basic rate tax, up by

0.75 percentage points. The minimum investment is £1,000. The account has a guaranteed minimum rate of 2 per cent over the ordinary share rate for the first year from investment date.

Rates revisions are just as popular among the smaller building societies, where the investor may offset the problems of not having a branch in every high street against, in many cases, better terms. The North Wits Building Society has just increased the rate on its three-month notice account to 10.8 per cent, subject to a minimum investment of £500; the Hampshire Building Society is offering 10.9 per cent on its six-month Golden Anchor Account (minimum £1,000) and 10.55 per cent on the One-Month Anchor (also £1,000); and Frome and Somerset Building Society is offering 10.8 per cent on its 90-day Share account (minimum £1,000).

Finally, the Chatham Reliance and Herne Bay Building Societies, due to merge next April, have rationalised their rates. Their highest offer is 10.85 per cent on their Second Issue Higher Interest Shares, and from Monday withdrawals will be allowed on seven days' notice without penalty.

Dollar backers

Orion Royal Bank, the investment banking subsidiary of Royal Bank of Canada, has launched a fund allowing wealthy investors to put their money behind the US Government. The US Treasury Securities Fund, based in Guernsey, will invest in securities issued or guaranteed by the US Government, as well as in financial futures and options.

The fund was made possible by tax changes in the United States last year. It is aimed primarily at small institutions, which may not have the expertise to make their own US investments, so the minimum investment has been set at \$50,000. However, individuals with that much money who want ultra-secure dollar investments may also be attracted by the absence of initial charges and annual fees of 0.5 to 0.75 per cent.

There are two classes of share - the Short-Term shares will invest only in securities with a maturity of one year or less while the Fixed Income shares will hold bonds with a maturity of anything up to 30 years.

As this is an offshore roll-up fund, all income is reinvested in the fund and used to enhance the capital value of the shares. For British investors this means that when the investment is redeemed, the entire gain on the fund is taxed at full income tax rates.

60,000 pay more

Framlington Unit Managers have sent a letter this week to all 60,000 of its unit holders informing them of an increase in the annual management charges on all Framlington funds. The charges rise on October 1 from 0.5 per cent to 0.75 per cent on the five British funds, and from 0.5 to 1 per cent on the five international funds. "It is a sad day for us," said Tim Miller of Framlington. "We have had some of the lowest charges in the market but charges generally are moving up and we have fallen far behind. This increase merely brings us more into line."

"In any case, our low charges never seemed to make much impression on the public. People just don't seem to notice or care what charges they have to pay, so we began to wonder why we bothered making life difficult for ourselves by charging so little."

Tax-beater

Abbey Life has devised pension scheme to help US citizens working in Britain to avoid at least some of the extra tax burden imposed by the Finance Act. Previously up to half their salary was tax-free but in future they will be taxed at full British rates.

The scheme, the Dollar Retirement Plan, is marketed in association with Executive Benefit Services Ltd of Glasgow, and is aimed at those expatriates working in companies which provide no pension.



Bristol City Council took delivery this week of a sheltered housing complex for the elderly (above) at Baltic Wharf, just beside Bristol city centre. The partners in the development scheme were the Bristol & West Housing Association, Nationwide Housing Trust and Rendell Partnership Developments. Carl Buffery, chairman of the association said: "Baltic Wharf is a model example of joint venture housing involving the private and public sectors."

The association, which was established in 1983 with the backing of the Bristol & West Building Society, is also involved in developments in Devon, South Wales and the South-East, working with local authorities and local contractors to provide cheap starter homes or sheltered housing for the elderly.

Under the scheme US dollar amounts, beginning at a minimum of \$5,000, are paid into a tax-exempt fund which is invested by Abbey in US Treasury bills and bonds. All benefits are then paid in US dollars to the policyholder wherever he lives on retirement. The scheme is also portable if the holder changes employers.

accumulated fund. Details: Abbey Life, PO Box 33, 80 Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH9 8AL.

Schroder's Extra

Yet another new unit trust has been launched, this time by Schroder Unit Trust Managers. Its investment aims are reflected in its title - Extra Income Unit Trust - but it has the added advantage of paying out income monthly rather than half-yearly or annually. Schroder is projecting an ambitious rate of 8 per cent gross as the fund's initial return, and there is also the prospect of capital gains.

The managers see the fund as especially appropriate for investors

wanting to accumulate capital for retirement or as a "rainy day" investment against illness or redundancy. This is because you can start out with capital units simply accumulating income within the fund, but whenever necessary you can switch free of charge to the monthly income units.

The fund, which will invest in UK equities and fixed interest securities, requires a minimum investment of £2,500 for the income units but only £1,000 for the accumulation units. You can switch into the income units only when you have accumulated the necessary £2,500. It is however, one of only a handful of unit trusts paying a monthly income. Framlington and Touche Farnham also offer monthly income.

Top Standard

A survey by the Taylor Nelson Insurance Brokers Monitor shows that life brokers have the highest opinion of Standard Life's sales force, with the salesmen of Norwich Union, Scottish Widows and Friends Provident not far behind. The survey, a quarterly sounding of brokers' attitudes of the companies, suggests there is a wide variety of quality among life company sales forces. Brokers rely on life company inspectors to keep them up to date with information, solve queries and give more general help. Standard Life says brokers' high opinion of its own men in the field shows its reputation for investment in developing that side of the operation has paid dividends.

11% on offer

The Lamington Spa Building Society is introducing a new limited issue account to be known as the Spa Bond Account. The one-year fixed term share will earn a guaranteed 11 per cent per annum, net of basic rate tax, and that rate is fixed for the duration of the bond. The minimum investment is £2,000. In addition, investors placing their business through Barrowcroft Financial Consultants in Ilford, Essex, can claim a 12-month free subscription to Money

Management magazine, valued at £38.50.

Details: Lamington Spa Building Society, PO Box 1, Lamington House, Milverton Hill, Lamington Spa (OX26 27920) or Barrowcroft Ltd, 57D Cranbrook Road, Gants Hill, Ilford, Essex (01-518 1218).

Greenwich deal

Diversification and offering peripheral services are increasingly being used by building societies to attract customers. The Greenwich Building Society has arranged to provide members with American Express Travellers' Cheques. Two or three days' notice is required, and a normal 1 per cent service charge is levied. The system will be most convenient for society members, especially as building societies keep longer hours than banks - in the case of the Greenwich, 9.15 am to 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday, and 9.15 am to 12 on Saturdays.

Details: Greenwich Building Society, 279/283 Greenwich High Road, London SE10 0J1-658 6212.

Students' bonus

As the old academic year draws to a close and competition for autumn's new harvest of student bank accounts warms up, National Westminster has improved its special offers. Already claiming to have conquered 38 per cent of the student market, it is hoping to attract more new accounts by offering arranged overdrafts at a preferential interest rate. Free current accounts when in credit (even with a pre-arranged overdraft) up to December of the year starts end and bankers' cards and service cards where appropriate.

Details from any National Westminster branch.

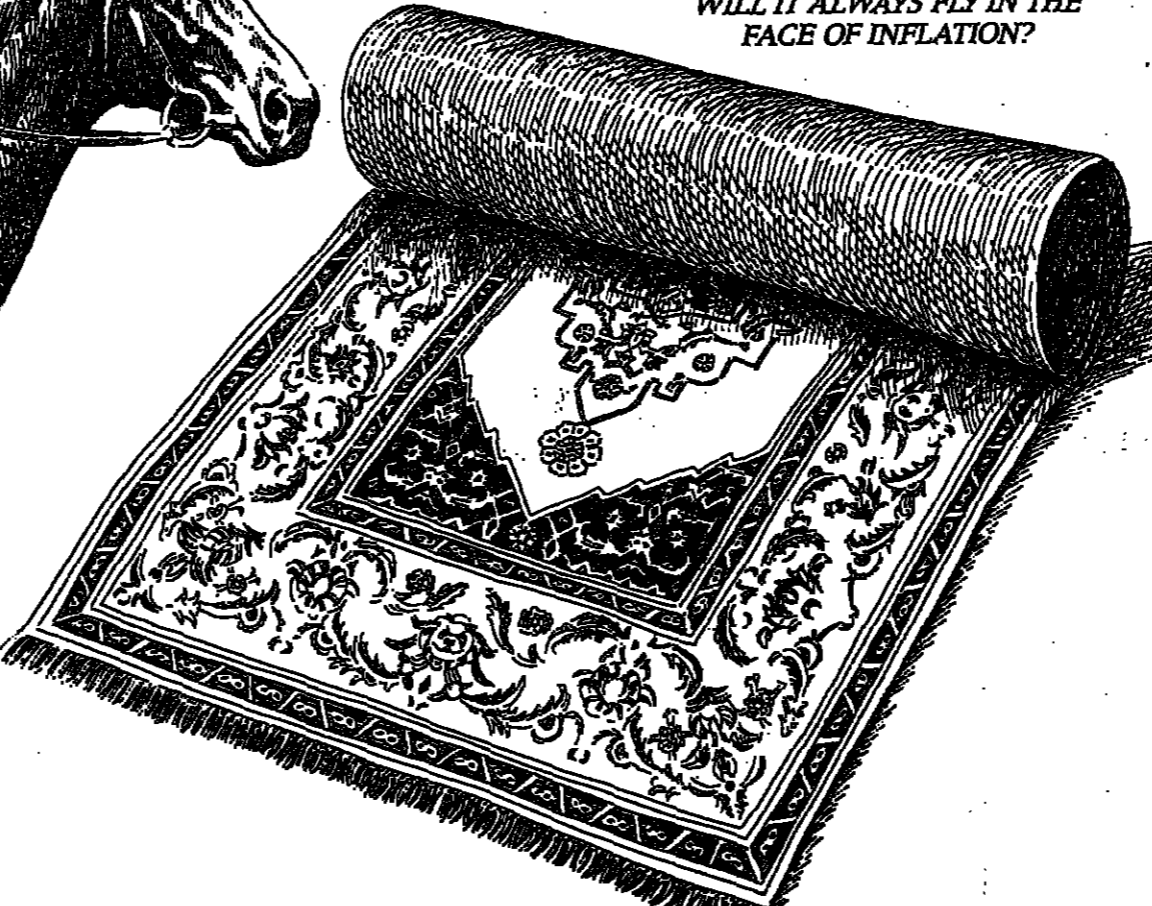
£140 allowance

The Enterprise Allowance Scheme provides an allowance of £40 per week, net £40 as stated in the article, "How to Ask for Cash", on June 15. The error was due to a misprint.

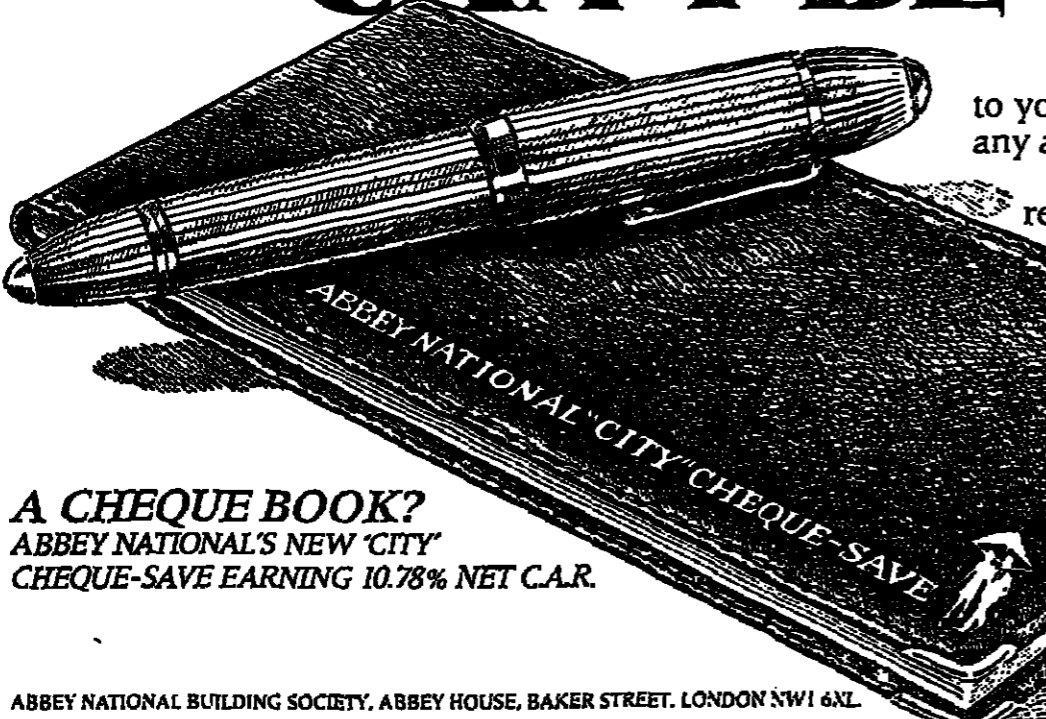


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FAMILY MONEY/2

Brokers with fairer shares

The progress towards wider share ownership among the great British public continues slowly but surely. Much depends on the financial service companies, particularly stockbrokers, to make the process easy, accessible and, if possible, cheap for people who have never dealt in shares before.



After a slow start there are signs that the large stockbroking firms are beginning to accommodate the needs of small inexperienced investors.

Dealing is still not easy for small shareholders. There is often a psychological barrier between the small investor and the stockbroker, who is seen as daunting, remote and expensive.

The result is that most small shareholders tend to deal through their high street banks - nothing wrong with that, except the expense. Banks typically charge around £5 extra on top of the normal stockbroker's commission and market dealing spread for their part in the transaction.

For large transactions £5 may not seem much but on small deals your shares will have to appreciate that much more before you cover the extra cost.

This week, however, one of the large London stockbrokers has launched a share dealing scheme designed to solve some of these problems. Hoare Govett, which was closely involved in the British Telecom share issue and has more interest in smaller investors than many of its competitors, is starting a special "no frills" share dealing telephone service named Dealercall.

In theory, anyone can join the scheme. On joining the service you are given a Dealercall number which includes a code for your credit limit.

The limits go up in steps and are likely to range from about £1,000 to £10,000 or more. You may not go over your limit in error and declared this money as freelance earnings even though tax had been paid.

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As soon as you deal in, say, £950 worth of shares you are paying more than the old £15 minimum commission in any case.

Dealercall is not the first attempt to make large London stockbrokers more accessible to small investors. Hoare Govett itself already runs its Teletrotting service through Prestel, though this is more of an information and research facility than a dealing service.

Scrimgeour Vickers runs a similar electronic service in conjunction with the Nottingham Building Society's Home-link television banking service. You can deal through a computer linked to the television screen.

But such services are not cheap. Home-link, for instance, charges 60p a week for the machinery and facility if your account is below £4,000, and £9.20 a year if it is above, and you have to maintain a Nottingham Building Society account to have the service.

A far cheaper and less daunting method of getting at the Stock Exchange is to look

for the smaller brokers, often found outside London. Roy James, a Birmingham-based firm, is typical of the hundred or so regional brokers.

"We have low overheads compared with the big London brokers", said Terry Brewster, a partner at Roy James. "Normally, our minimum commission rate is £10 but we will go lower around £7, and on anything under £200 we go down to £4."

One advantage you get with this kind of service but not with, say, Dealercall, is a certain amount of advice. While there are not troops of specialist analysts at a firm such as Roy James, the partners do research on the larger companies and naturally have to stay well informed. "If a client is on the point of buying shares in a company that is about to go bust, we will warn him", said Mr Brewster.

You can get a list of names of local small stockbrokers by writing to the public relations office of the Stock Exchange.

A further choice is to go for one of the licensed securities dealers. These typically do not charge commissions based on their own "turn" to the dealing price. The size of the turn can vary but a spokesman from Harvard Securities, one of the larger licensed dealers, said: "It usually works out at around 10 per cent of the difference between the bid and offer spread of the share price."

The licensed dealers will deal in small amounts, down to around £200. However, they are not members of the Stock Exchange - they have their own National Association of Securities Dealers and Investment Managers. They are not bound by all Stock Exchange rules and tend to be frowned on by the established stockbroking firms.

Richard Thomson

Two sides of the coin on the taxman's account

Last week's article about how the taxman treats small businesses, "Two Inspectors Call," has produced a sheet of letters from readers answering our request for personal experiences.

Most letters range from outrage and anger to bewilderment and confusion. A few take up the cudgels on the taxman's behalf.

We hope to treat your correspondence at greater length next week but in the meantime here are letters typical of both points of view.

"Three years ago I worked as a journalist on a weekly magazine for which I did some photography. The payment for pictures was deducted at source under PAYE. However, the magazine made an

error and declared this money as freelance earnings even though tax had been paid.

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HOLIDAYS CASH

On every plane flying off to a holiday resort there will be someone who is going to lose travellers' cheques. The horror of being ditched on a Greek island or pesisas on the Costa drives more than three-quarters of holidaymakers to take travellers' cheques abroad.

American Express, which would naturally like to see everyone setting out for holidays with travellers' cheques, has been running an advertising campaign to counter the attitude that "it could never happen to me". More than 140,000 Amex customers found that it did happen to them last year - and another 25,000 Thomas Cook customers found that it happened to them too.

Amex estimates that just under half of those who need a refund have been the victims of a pickpocket or thief and the same proportion simply lose them. Then there is the small percentage of people who leave their travellers' cheques at home, or let them blow over the cliffs.

The travellers' cheques come into their own when disaster strikes. Amex, Thomas Cook and Visa all have well developed networks geared to giving you an immediate refund so that your holiday is not ruined. But it can be an expensive way of taking money abroad and it offers little flexibility.

If you take sterling travellers' cheques abroad you have to pay



Degrees of change: Keeping an eye on the holiday currencies

1 per cent commission when you buy them and another commission of probably 1 per cent when you change your money.

Travellers' cheques are like mustard - the company makes its money from what is left on the side of the plate. The travellers' cheque organizations make their profits from holding your money - the 1 per cent commission charge does not even cover their costs. So it makes sense to change your money just before you go and change it back on your return.

Leaving travellers' cheques in the drawer for your next holiday does not make sense when building societies are paying interest at 10 per cent net. A recent Amex survey found that nearly half of those taking travellers' cheques abroad ordered them more than 10 days in advance.

You can avoid that initial 1 per cent commission by opening an account at one of the building societies offering free travellers' cheques such as the Leeds Permanent or Bristol & West.

If you take sterling travellers' cheques you have to rely on the exchange rate on offer at your destination, but at least you can convert, without a charge, any unused travellers' cheques into money. But if you take foreign currency travellers' cheques -

assuming they are available for your destination - you will have to pay an extra charge of about 50p and flat-rate a further commission to cash unused cheques.

A spot check of charges for converting US dollar Amex travellers' cheques varied from £1 at the Midland, £1.50 at Lloyds and £1.75 at National Westminster to £2 at Williams & Glyn's, with Barclays charging £1.25 for its own customers and £2.25 for anyone else. At Amex offices it would be free.

As long as your National Girobank account is in credit the whole system is free - otherwise it is 50p a transaction. And while you may find yourself in places that have never heard of Alan Whicker, never mind certain other credit cards, at least you know there will always be a post office even in the most outlandish spots. But beware, there is no replacement service.

If you already have an Access, Visa Diners or American Express card, you might as well take it on holiday, but it would be foolish to expect to rely on it for most of your holiday spending.

However, you could manage by using your credit card to get cash. A Barclaycard will get you £100 a day and a Visa Premiercard £250 a day, while in an emergency American Express will cash up to US\$200 using the card as a cheque guarantee card in the US and Canada.

Credit card users this summer could also run into difficulties in parts of France. In some areas French retailers are mechanizing their credit card payments system, so that the cards are temporarily unusable on the new machines. Technically, if the retailer is registered with a card company, he cannot refuse to accept a valid card, but he may try to wriggle out of taking it.

Access insists, however, that in most outlets, cardholders should have no problem. A newer service offered increasingly by all the banks is the Uniform Eurocheque system which has been running in Europe for about 15 years. You pay £3.50 for the plastic card which guarantees the Eurocheques. Then there is a charge of 30p or 31p a cheque, depending on which bank you are with, plus a 1.25 per cent levy.

Travellers' cheques are written in local currency and the exchange rate determined when the cheques return to your domestic account. Every cheque is limited to the equivalent of £100 but there is no limit on how many cheques you can write.

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Vivien Goldsmith

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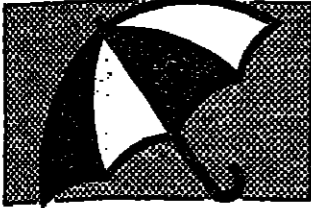
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FAMILY MONEY/4

How to avoid that journey to disaster

HOLIDAYS INSURANCE



The holiday has been booked, suitcases packed, children sitting expectantly in the back of the car - and then tragedy strikes. You trip over the cat, fall and slip a disc. Result: A cancelled holiday (travel ruled out by the family doctor) and heaps of disappointment all round.

Cancelled holidays, although perhaps not following the scenario above, account for slightly more than half of all claims on holiday insurance policies each year. And with an estimated one in every 20 policyholders making a claim, that's a lot of cancelled holidays, as well as sufficient to make holiday insurance a recognized must for holiday-makers.

The most common form of holiday insurance these days is the packaged policy - a policy that provides cover up to certain financial limits for various predetermined risks. These include incurring medical expenses, delay, lost luggage, personal accident and, of course, cancellation.

These policies either come with the package holiday you book, details of the terms being given in the brochure. Alternatively they are sold independently of any particular holiday, usually, but not always, through travel agents.

Examples of these "roving" policies would be Superplus Plus - the ABTA-approved package policy sold through all ABTA outlets, National Westminster's Travel Protector Insurance, available from NatWest branches, or Prutavel,

sold through Thomas Cook outlets.

The insurance market has now developed to such a point that one package policy at first sight looks very much like another. Certainly the premiums - you should expect to pay up to £13.50 for 17 days' cover in Europe - are fairly similar, as are the risks covered.

Nevertheless, there are certain guidelines that help sort out the wheat from the chaff. For a start, you should check that the cancellation cover is adequate to reimburse the full cost of the holiday, as everyone places financial limits on the amounts recoverable under this section.

Prutavel, for instance, provides cancellation cover of £3,000 per policyholder, which should be more than adequate, unless you've booked a round-the-world cruise, while Extrasure Plus - also excludes cover for anyone injured while riding a motorcycle.

This exclusion contributed to the Consumers' Association's "Worst Buy" verdict on the policy earlier this year. Extrasure has recently introduced optional cover for valuables - but you pay an extra £3 for it.

Some policies, as well as containing the standard exclusions for dangerous activities, also exclude cover where the policyholder has failed to take reasonable care.

These too should be viewed with caution, because such generalities are an obvious recipe for protracted and acrimonious arguments over whether cover should apply or not.

You can often ask a package policy underwriter to provide a quote for increasing the financial limits in one section or for including something within the cover that is normally excluded.

The AA package policy, for instance, allows you to do this. For an additional premium of £10.40 you can raise the cover for personal accidents to £100,000.



Happy families: don't let oversights spoil it all

personal effects section, as these are all too commonly left behind or lost on many holidays.

The Extrasure policy excludes these items, so draw your own conclusion on its merits. The policy - which was formerly endorsed by ABTA before it moved to Superplus Plus - also excludes cover for anyone injured while riding a motorcycle.

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But before leaping to increase your cover in this way, look at the actual limit in the policy and try to ascertain whether it is, in fact, below the standard level available on other package policies.

Apart from package policies, you can actually select a holiday insurance policy yourself; selective cover simply involves your choosing the risks that you want to guard against, and the level of cover. It is usually suitable for long trips abroad, but it is expensive.

American Express provides bargain-priced policy for those who make several trips abroad or simply take long holidays. It is called Centurion Assistance and it provides year-round medical expenses cover, up to £75,000, for an annual premium of £35.

The cover is available to Amex cardholders; and if you pay an extra £15 premium you also get a number of the standard package policy indemnities thrown in as well.

To help bewildered holiday-makers in the insurance maze Thomas Cook is bringing out a guide next week on points to look out for in a policy. For instance, it urges holiday-makers to check who the insurers are. If you have never heard of them and if they are not members of the Insurance Ombudsman Bureau you might want to think twice.

Ask the underwriter to provide a quote

Apart from looking at the level at which insurance companies pitch their cover, there are also a few little tricks that you ought to look out for.

Avoid policies that have hefty excesses - that is, the amount of a claim you have to bear yourself before the insurer starts to cough up.

Generally these should be £10 to £15 per claim - not more. And avoid like the plague any policy that has an individual item excess - in other words, which deducts the excess off every item that you claim for, even where all the items form the subject of a single claim.

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A packageful of bargains

Package holidays this summer have been a confusing business for the travel industry professionals, so pity the poor holidaymaker. Those booking well in advance at brochure price for a May or early June holiday have had hefty fuel surcharges, while those who delayed have picked up discounted holidays without surcharges. The bargain offers are still filling the retail travel agents' shop windows.

This is after Spanish prices in the tour operators' brochures had risen anything from 15 to 20 per cent, turning holiday-makers' fancies more to Greece and Yugoslavia, for which most holidays have now been sold.

The present state of foreign package bargains should continue at least until the peak season arrives with the start of family holidays in the second half of July. That is the forecast from most of the travel trade

which then expects prices to harden.

Early bookers for peak season holidays will at least have got the holiday of their choice if they have not been "consolidated". That is trade jargon for cutting some flights and hotels and rejigging individual holidays.

One estimate is that consolidations have so far wiped out additional capacity planned early in the season, which means the tour operators overall may well be able to carry nearly as many people as last year.

If that is right the bargains may not dry up entirely in the high season although it will mean taking whatever is on offer. Late bargain offers, made in various forms at regular intervals by tour operators usually about four weeks before departure, have been getting holiday-makers away recently at prices of about the same level as

last year, according to the latest analysis by Pickfords Travel, one of the big three travel shop chains.

The average holiday price is about £200 compared with nearer £300 earlier in the booking season.

The summer bookings are still down by rather more than 15 per cent compared with this time last year. That seems to point to a continuation of late booking bargains. But, apart from a possible switch from British-based holidays, there is clear evidence that many more people are booking within as little as three weeks of departure.

Stronger sterling is moderating surcharges for aviation fuel, priced in US dollars. By now these surcharges should also be minimal, probably 1 to 2 per cent.

Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

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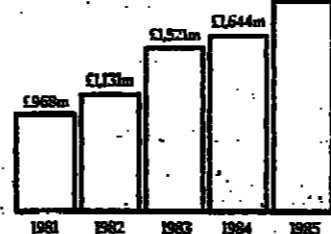
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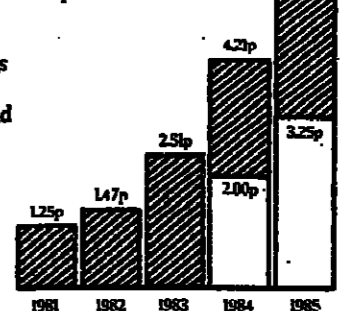
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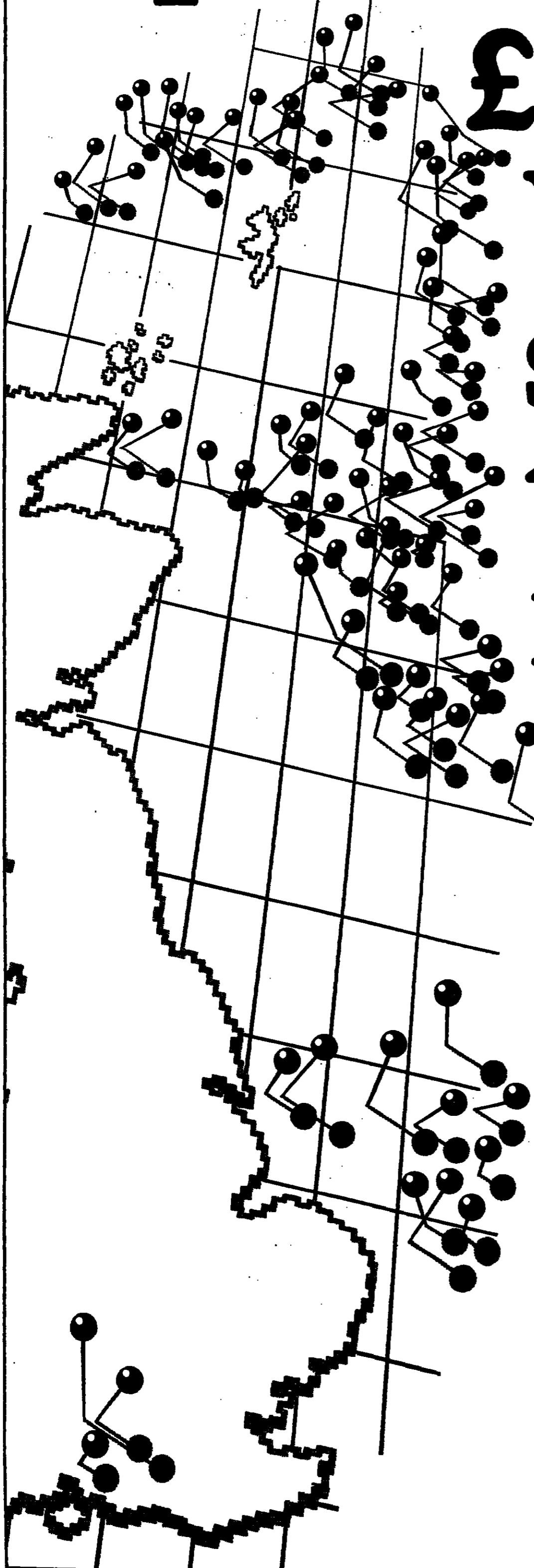
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Tennis: Britain's sole male survivor is through for the third time in thirteen years at the expense of the thirteenth seed

A flood of action as Wimbledon gets on with game after the deluge

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent
There was a parade of champions at Wimbledon yesterday. Almost everybody who matters - or recently did, or probably soon will - seemed to be playing tennis somewhere on the premises. All those long hours lost to the rain had filled up the reservoir. This was the day when the accumulated beauty of deferred competition spilled over the top.

The early series of matches, the mind-you, suggested that a generation had been wiped out. The courts were peopled by so many unfamiliar players with strange names that the programme might have been fictional. No pairing challenged belief more than that of Mustard and Flur, who played on what Americans call a "field" court. Make up your own mind on that one.

Edberg was understandably relieved, he said, when he did not play his best tennis. David Powell, Wimbledon's fastest marathon runner, discusses the Lloyd match elsewhere on this page. That is as it should be. Both Edberg and Lloyd hit the marathon runner's "wall" before breaking through to win.



Deft touch: John McEnroe easily defeats Nduka Odizor yesterday (Photograph: Warren Harrison)



Desire: John Lloyd beats Teltscher yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Courteous courtiers of the paper palace

By Geoffrey Green
Wimbledon's opening week is all but over and in spite of the interruptions, millions of words have been written and spoken by the much-maligned media. Symbolically, the new extended press centre was struck violently by lightning on the first day, biting off lamp posts from the roof. It seemed a direct warning.

Something like 24 million was spent on this bright new home for journalists. It has been tastefully done and gratefully accepted, although it took a while to discover the readjustments, though there are some of us longer in the tooth who look back to the old days of two rooms with a touch of nostalgia. The equipment for the new centre is not necessarily inspired by an improved use of words. Poetry can be written in a dustbin.

But the old days would never have coped with the present. Over 1,000 writers and photographers gathered here from many nations. There is a splendid camaraderie abroad. Though the foreign Press have their own spacious quarters with light-flooded computers and fax machines, there is a healthy tradition to help one another - the British and the visitors alike.

End seeding on computer

By a Special Correspondent
Wimbledon, once the greatest voice in tennis, is in grave danger of being drowned out by the players. Their seedings, based on the computer, are a joke in recent years because they refuse to upset the Association of Tennis Players, the men's tennis union.

By sticking almost rigidly to the computer, the Wimbledon seeding committee have left themselves open to ridicule as they rank clay court players who have no idea of how to play on grass. Take the case of Aaron Krickorian, the young American who, on the last court, had never been known to play a volley. Young Aaron, still only 17, had never played on grass before, but he surprised by went down to Bud Schultz, an American unknown.

Triumphant Lloyd advances with nerves of steel

By David Powell
John Lloyd, Britain's last survivor in the men's singles, earned a standing ovation from the centre court crowd yesterday after coming back from 3-1 down in the final set to beat the 13th seed, Eliot Teltscher, 6-3, 6-4, 6-5, 7-5.

Lloyd's victory took him into the third round for the third time in 13 attempts. He has never been beyond that stage and will meet the Frenchman, Henri Leconte, for a place in the last 16.

The match was split into three sections, the first dominated by Lloyd's immaculate lob and volleys, the second by Teltscher's passing shots and the third by the British No. 1's nerves of steel.

In taking the first two sets inside an hour, Lloyd conceded only nine points on his service and three of those were double faults.

The American, who is at his best on cement, knew he had to chance his arm at the net - such are the dictates of the grass court game - but in doing so he ran the risk of ordering Lloyd's dish of the day, the lob. When it came it was a sumptuous meal but, by the third set, Teltscher had struck it from the menu. Lloyd's service began to fall as Teltscher broke him for the first time to clinch the third set.

After breaking again in the second game of the fourth set Teltscher offered his opponent two points to break back, but Lloyd seemed to have lost his confidence to go for his shots. Teltscher took the set.

The American was 3-2 up in the deciding set when he was interrupted by rain. When he returned Lloyd clearly benefited from peptalks by his coach, Bob Brett, and his wife Chris, who was due to follow him on the centre court.

Beauty with no respect for age

By David Miller
Sabatini, who dismissively said that she thought the controversial white body-suits published on Thursday were "ridiculous", moves the waist down with a feline fluidity.

Her ground strokes may have an exaggerated flourish on back swing and follow through, but they are sprightly and relaxed. Her service alone is worth seeing.

Her dark complexion combined with the maturity of her game make it possible to detect her youthfulness, only when seeing her full face quarters, a face as unblemished as a fresh peach.

Whether or not there are to be restrictions on the tournament activities of young players, she and her partner, Patricio Apey, from Chile, will be advised to measure carefully and preserve her efforts over the next two years. It was disturbing that she should say after the match: "I'm not particularly concerned about being too young."

With an erratic bounce on Court two yesterday, she tended to hit some of her drives short, but the only real disruption to her game caused by her opponent was a persistent succession of drop-shots, which she returned with a few early returns, but later became more predictable. Miss Benjamin twice broke service to lead 3-1 in the second set with the help of several

ATHLETICS Cram's leg theory put to the test

By Pat Butcher
After the valour comes the discretion. Steve Cram has decided that the injured left calf, which stood up well enough for him to record 3 min 31.34 sec, the third fastest ever 1,500 metres, in Oslo on Thursday night, would be best at 800 metres today for the British versus France and Czechoslovakia match, at Gateshead today. He had been due to run in the 3,000 metres.

Cram was afforded the chance to switch to the 800 metres on his home track, because the European indoor champion, Rob Harrison, has had to drop out with a damaged hamstring.

Cram's own "compartment syndrome" problems will generally restrict him to shorter distances than he had planned, in order to avoid an operation before the end of the season. He has already decided to drop the 3,000 metres planned for the A.A.A. championships on July the 12th and will run a shorter distance, if anything.

That means his next big race will be in Nice on July 16, where the promoter is attempting to match Cram, the Olympic 800m champion, with Joachim Cruz and Said Aouita, who ran 1:30.04, the second fastest ever 5,000 metres, in Oslo.

Steve Ovett is joined by his Phoenix AC colleague, Mark Rowland, in the 1,500 metres today. And Ade Mafe, another careful grooming period by his coach, Sebbling, appears for the first time since winning the indoor 200 metres against Todd Bennett and Mel Latany in the England versus United States match in March. He replaces Buster Brown, who was the focus on the internal match rather than the international one. Tessa Sanderson and Patricia Whibbread meet for the first time since they won gold and silver medals in the Olympic Games. Miss Sanderson threw 71.18 metres two weeks ago, but Miss Whibbread threw 71.28 metres in Belfast last Monday, then set a personal best in Oslo of 72.12 metres.

ROWING Competition keen for Redgrave

By Jim Raitton
Steven Redgrave, aged 23, of Milton was world medal in coxed fours in the Olympic regatta last year and he has collected five top Henley trophies in four categories in four years. His dream is to become the world's top sculler. Redgrave will encounter tough competition starting today in the Amsterdam international. Next week he will face the possibility of five races against a rogue team at Henley which includes an indifferent second in Duisburg and took some time to stamp his authority on a mediocre field at Nottingham. The field today includes Brad Lewis, of the United States, the Olympic gold medal winner in double sculls, and Ricardo Ibarra, of Argentina, the 1980 Diamond Sculls winner and fifth in the Olympic regatta. These rivals are entered for Henley.

Britain has a sizeable contingent in Amsterdam. Interest will centre on the Olympic gold medal winner, Martin Cross, and the Olympian, Adrian Cliff, who will compete as a coxed and coxless pair. They will take the Olympic gold medal, winning coach, Adrian Ellison, on board tomorrow. The best hopes of a British winner may be found in the women's lightweight double scull with Beryl Crookford and Wyn Clark prominent among the entrants.

Rugby League: Fulham, who lost more than £100,000 last season while playing at the National Sports Centre, Crystal Palace, have launched a fund-raising scheme involving people to become Friends of Fulham R.L.F.C. Keith Macklin writes. They will play their home games next season at the Chiswick ground of the Central London Polytechnic. Last season, they played at Crystal Palace, gates dropped below 1,000 compared with the Craven Cottage average of 2,200.

SWIMMING Verdict on Brew due

The Amateur Swimming Association will today deliver a final verdict on the result of the controversial men's 300 metres freestyle event, which took place 12 weeks ago to the day at the national short course championships in Wharfedale (Athol Still writes).

In the race, Robin Brew (Killy College) finished first, but his electronic timing pad on the left, apparently an arm's length ahead of Paul Howe (Millfield), with Kevin Boyd (Tyndesside) clearly third. So it was to general amazement that Howe was given as the winner by the electronic timing.

Brew's father, Archie, challenged the result. The referee then consulted the judges and manual timekeepers. All of them placed Brew first, so the referee assumed a malfunction of the automatic electronic timing.

Paddy Garrett, the coach of Millfield, appealed against this verdict and a three-man committee of appeal reversed the referee's decision, placing Howe first again. Boyd second and an incredulous Brew third.

Archie Brew appealed to the Northern District ASA, suggesting that his son's pad had not been activated, but this was rejected because the tribunal had been assured by the manufacturers Omega, "that once touching the metal gates would activate the timing system."

But an officially appointed technician tested the Omega pads installed for the European trials in Leeds last month. The results, which were revealed to the tribunal, showed that none of the pads were activated by touching the metal gates.

FOR THE RECORD

Table with columns for GOLF, JUDO, BASKETBALL, BOXING, SHOOTING, MOTOR CYCLING, and FOOTBALL, listing various sports events and winners.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Table listing weekend fixtures for various sports including Cricket, Tennis, and Athletics.

An eclipse of the sun has been arranged

I am not sure this week what to write about it I expect something will turn up if I keep going.

My original idea was based games, for this is the golden jubilee of Monopoly, but I found I could not think of anything to say on that. I played Monopoly long ago. Just as I played Ludo and snakes and ladders, without becoming addicted to any of them in the way people become addicted to chess.

And please do not write to use in letters of blood pointed out that chess is on a higher intellectual plane than Ludo. You are entitled to your opinion.

Mention of Monopoly's jubilee prompts me to go off at a tangent and say that it is the books and cranks of this newspaper that I like many others of discernment, today to first, I never miss Birthdays Today, Anniversary, the Ordinary column, Church News and the Letters to the Editor - not, or rarely, the long, portentous notes at the top but the ones below the fold.

Why I should like to know, even though I forget it a minute later, the age of Mr. Harvey Smith or Mrs. Janet Court (and Mr. P. G. Wodehouse) is not, or rarely, the long, portentous notes at the top but the ones below the fold.

SIDELINES Gordon Allan

30,000 young women and 5,000 men, incidentally, too incidentally is an indispensable word in a rambling article - there is a story, apocryphal maybe, that an eclipse of the sun was once included under the heading Today's arrangements in The Times.

CRICKET: AUSTRALIA'S HOUR OF PERIL BRINGS OUT THE FIGHTER IN BORDER

A good umpire seen in a bad light by calling it a day

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

LORDS: Australia, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 107 runs behind England. There was one outstandingly good piece of cricket in the second Test match, sponsored by Cornhill, yesterday and much else that was willing but not ordinary. With an innings of 92 not out, Border kept Australia's hopes alive. He was not brilliant, because brilliance was not his aim, but he played very, very well.

For David Evans, than whom there could be no nicer or fairer umpire, it has been a fine day. The fact will have it, he had most of the teasing decisions to make. There is not much doubt, I think that he has been blessed with the benefit of a television replay, an invention which umpires look upon as an infernal nuisance, he would not have made some of the decisions he has.

Scoreboard

Table with columns for England and Australia, listing batsmen, runs, and bowlers. Includes sections for 'England: First Innings' and 'Australia: First Innings'.

Somerset frustrated by defiant Davies

By Marcus Williams

CARDIFF: Glamorgan (4 pts) drew with Somerset (7). Thanks to a fine rearguard action led by Davies, the wicketkeeper, who defied Somerset for 190 minutes, Glamorgan achieved the main business of the day, the savings of the follow-on, before rain descended upon a windswept Sophia Gardens yesterday.

Northants vs Surrey

Table with columns for Northants and Surrey, listing batsmen, runs, and bowlers. Includes sections for 'Northants v Surrey' and 'Worce v Middlesex'.

Challenge lacking from both teams

By Alan Gibson

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire (3 pts) drew with Hampshire (4). We spent the first half of our time in a way not uncommon on the third day of championship matches: waiting for the batting side to declare. Hampshire recovered from a loss of 81 on the first innings, but not much troubled by a pitch that was more placid than it had been earlier in the match, until they had scored 312 for seven, leaving Gloucestershire to score 231 in 30 overs.

Hooking good: Wessels chances his arm before being leg-

Edmonds at second slip - were taken with a new ball. Australia's innings was a struggle from the start. The light came and went, the ball went this way and that. There were no easy runs. Wood, looking for some, pulled Elliott straight to Embury at long leg in the fourth over. In the next over, Elliott was given a life. Botham dropping him at second slip off Foster.

Bairstow plays the hero and villain

By Peter Ball

Bradford: Yorkshire (5 pts) drew with Leicestershire (4). Yorkshire and Leicestershire are undefeated this season. They are also in the bottom three in the Championship table. On their performances in this match, that is hardly surprising. The major responsibility for this must rest firmly on Bairstow's shoulders.

Derbyshire v Notts

Table with columns for Derbyshire and Notts, listing batsmen, runs, and bowlers. Includes sections for 'Derbyshire v Notts' and 'Lancashire v Warwick'.

Lee makes a name for himself with world record start

From Mitchell Platts, Monte Carlo

Robert Lee equaled a world record by covering nine holes in 27 strokes as he compiled a first round of 61, eight-under-par, in the Monte Carlo Open here yesterday. Lee, 23, a Londoner, climbed out of golfing obscurity to indelibly mark his name in the record books when he started at the 10th hole and single-putted each green to complete his opening nine holes in 27, which is seven-under-par for this course.

CYCLING

Hinault homes in to seize his victory

From John Wilcockson, Pinneloc

Bernard Hinault did not dare lose the Prudhomme time trial of the 72nd Tour de France yesterday. He was on his own territory watched by tens of thousands of his fellow Bretons who appeared to grow out of the grass and granite of the famed Caudebec Hill. And a 4.1 miles course was exactly to his liking as a specialist in time trials, a fast, flat start by the granite houses of hills of Finistère, followed by an even faster descent making between thick hedges and ending with the steep, zig-zag climb of Caudebec.

Ellison has his best day ever

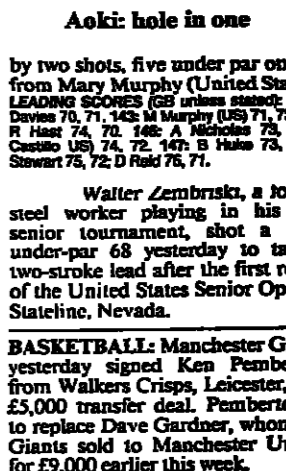
By Richard Streeton

Richard Ellison finished with six for 61, the best figure of his career and it put paid to any chance Essex held of trying to win by an innings. A result was always going to be hard to obtain after Wednesday's wash out and the match did not get the prize on average. Under a helpful cloud over Ellison swung the ball late and troubled all the Essex batsmen.

Wolverhampton chairman resigns

Eric Woodward, chief executive of Wolverhampton Wanderers announced yesterday that he was leaving the third division club. The defender, aged 29, had turned down offers from Gillingham, Chertsey and Torquay. Hull City have agreed personal terms with the Luton Town midfielder Paul Burns and the transfer fee will now be decided by a league tribunal.

RACING RESULTS table with columns for race name, winner, and odds.



Aoki: hole in one

by two shots, five under par on 141, from Mary Maxwell (US) and the LEADING SCORERS (68 or under): 141: D. Jones 71, 142: M. Maxwell 72, 143: M. Maxwell 73, 144: M. Maxwell 74, 145: M. Maxwell 75, 146: M. Maxwell 76, 147: M. Maxwell 77, 148: M. Maxwell 78, 149: M. Maxwell 79, 150: M. Maxwell 80.

Walter Zembrski, a former steel worker playing in his first senior tournament, shot a four-under-par 68 yesterday to take a two-stroke lead after the first round of the United States Senior Open in Stateville, Nevada.

POLO

Los Locos make their mark

By John Watson

The second semi-final of the Warwickshire Cup, sponsored by Charles Hiedelock, a fiercely fought duel between Los Locos (received one) and Galen Weston (received one) was a first in an 11-10 victory for Los Locos in extra time.

IN BRIEF

Wolverhampton chairman resigns. Tom Heffernan, who left Bourneville for Sheffield United two years ago, has resigned the third division club on a free transfer. The defender, aged 29, had turned down offers from Gillingham, Chertsey and Torquay.

Reg Hollinshead sent out his fifth winner of the week when Flying Scotsman won the Londonborough Handicap, at Doncaster yesterday.

Mouktar to maintain family tradition

Accuracy can reap rich reward for consistency

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin
Sixty years ago the Aga Khan's grandfather achieved his first success in the Irish Derby with Zionist.

Slip Anchor. There will be several lines of form to tie up the Epsom and Chantilly Derbies as Law Society (second at Epsom), Damister (third), Theatrical (seventh) and Snow Plant (tenth) all take on Mouktar.



Mouktar, the French Derby winner and probable favourite for today's Irish Derby at the Curragh

BIG RACE FIELD

Table of race entries for the Irish Derby at the Curragh, listing horses, jockeys, and trainers.

At Epsom, Yves St-Martin appeared to lie a long way out of his ground on Damister and was never properly placed to launch a challenge. Figgott, with five wins in the Irish Sweep Derby, is unlikely to repeat the error and Damister should finish a good deal closer to Law Society today.

Now he appears to have a good chance of making his mark there on the Flat by winning the Newcastle Brown Ale Northumberland Plate with Accuracy, on whom Richard Fox will be wearing the Lucky Vase colours of Bridget Squire.

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Newcastle racecourse, in the midst of Gosforth Park, holds happy memories for the Eyfield trainer, Toby Balding, on past visits to the north-east, he has won their coveted Elder Chase four times; thrice with Highland Wedding, in the late sixties, and again much more recently with Lucky Vase.

Stakes winner, Kayudee, look in a handicap for the first time. Pennine Walk, my selection for the Van Geest Stakes enters the fray still comparatively fresh, even after winning the Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot and will be very hard to beat.

The Queen's runner, Insular, who ran so well to finish a close fourth in the Vase at Royal Ascot, and last year's Ascot

wood, Trojan Prince now runs in a handicap for the first time. Pennine Walk, my selection for the Van Geest Stakes enters the fray still comparatively fresh, even after winning the Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot and will be very hard to beat.

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NEWCASTLE

Racing results for Newcastle, including the Newcastle Brewery's Blue Star Maiden Stakes.

WINDY NORTH

Racing results for Windy North, including the Windy North Stakes.

Cecil calls up Oh So Sharp

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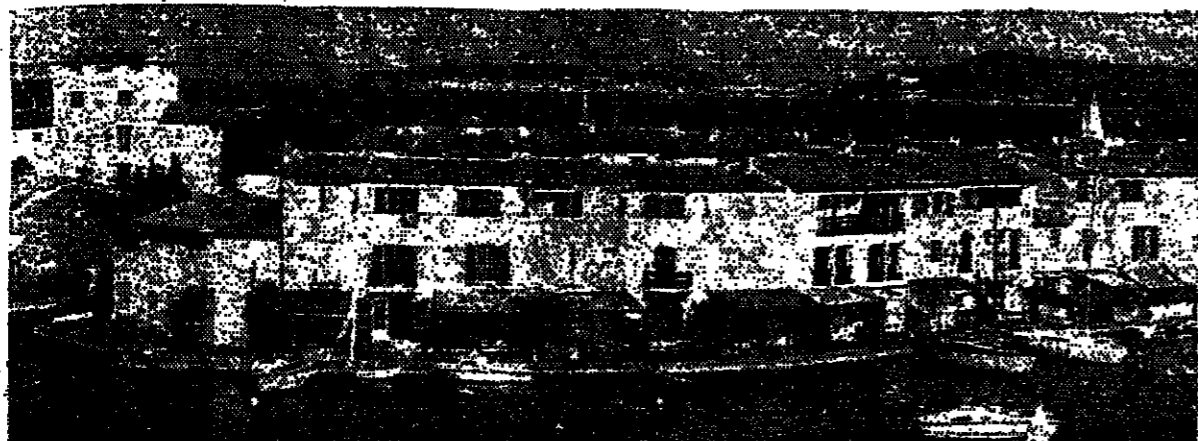
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Port Grimaud is essentially for the holidaying boat-lover: every house has a private mooring. There are six basic house designs but clever use of shutters and different window-shapes create an individual feel.

The Mediterranean is still a lure to buyers seeking a sun, sea and sand holiday home. Since exchange-control regulations were abolished six years ago, the British have accounted for 80 per cent of leisure-home sales to overseas purchasers in Spanish resorts alone, and, with the pound holding steady against the French franc, the South of France continues to attract a steady UK market.

In the first of a series on Mediterranean property, Diana Wildman describes new developments from Gibraltar to Cyprus and looks at the traditional attractions for Britons



Birmingham B5 5DT; Tel: 021 643 7025. The British launch took place in London last week of the Anchorage Village and club, now being built on the 850-acre Bendinat Estate on the Balearic island of Majorca.

The first phase of 68 town houses is sold as are 10 of the 14 garden villas grouped around courtyards and a swimming pool. The remaining four are for sale at from £74,000 to £90,000. Phase 2 is near completion and 50 per cent of the 74 apartments are still for sale at between £65,000 and £190,000.

Bendinat is 53 Upper Brook Street, London, W1Y 1PG; tel: 01-629 0883. Françoise Spoerry, the architect for Port Grimaud in the Bay of St Tropez, is also designing the Anchorage at Bendinat.

Port Grimaud, however, is the great success story of leisure property. Started nearly 20 years ago on what were mud flats, Françoise Spoerry has created a large traditional-style yachtsman's town with every home fronting a canal, lagoon or river.

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Montpellier is 17 Montpellier Street, London, SW7 1HG; tel: 01-225 0551. Cyprus's continuing stability after the 1974 Turkish invasion is illustrated by the number of leisure-home developments in the Limassol area. Because English is the second language, and the whole of the property-holding basis is founded in English law, the attractions are obvious.

John D. Wood is widening its overseas department to include Cyprus and is finalizing plans to market in Britain a small, smart development east of Limassol called Thera.

Wood is also drawing up an Italian portfolio to include both tuscan farmhouses and some beachside houses. The company is at 29 Berkeley Square, London W1X 6AL; tel: 01-629 9050.

to £216,000 and all ready for immediate occupation. Details are available from El Ancon Sierra at Las Lomas del Marbella Club, Marbella; tel: (952) 77 88 50, and Chesterton Overseas, 116 Kensington High Street, London W8 7RW; tel: 01-937 7344.

The Costa Blanca, on Spain's east coast, has less rainfall and a more equable climate than anywhere else in the western Mediterranean so it attracts investors keen to utilize both the rental potential and eventual long-term permanent living. Denia is popular because it is an established attractive fishing port, easily reached via Alicante or Valencia airports.

Richard Martin Sales has just launched in the British market a selection of low-priced holiday studios and apartments at Residential El Cortijo; priced from £12,500 for a studio, £17,500 for a one-bedroom unit, £20,000 for two and £40,000 for a three bedroom, two-bathroom duplex.

Richard Martin Sales's director, Sally Gow, is also selling on a four-owner scheme some Denia properties whereby the owner has use of the property for three months of the year on a revolving basis.

You can contact Richard Martin Sales at St Martin's House, Bull Ring,

An increase in sales activity is also taking place in Cyprus, Malta and Gibraltar, all of which are attracting retired people. When the border between Spain and Gibraltar was reopened in February not only did access from the Rock's airport open up the western end of the Costa del Sol, but the area - according to Lis Woods, managing director of Fincasol - attracted buyers keen to live in the sun who wanted to maintain a British quality of life.

This is certainly true of Gibraltar, which has both a Marks & Spencer and a Lipton grocer store. The property on the Rock is, by definition, limited, but Fincasol has a few resale two-bedroom flats at Marina Bay for £38,000 and four new two-bedroom homes overlooking Catalan Bay, facing east towards Marbella, priced at £45,000.

Fincasol is at 4 Bridge Street, Salisbury SP1 2LX; tel: 0723 26444. Marbella epitomizes chic holiday living and Puerto Banus, west of Marbella, is probably the most stylish of all: here in summer some of the world's most expensive private yachts are moored. Just above Puerto Banus, in fitting splendour behind the King of Saudi Arabia's palace, is El Ancon Sierra, a luxury development of 50 villas and apartments on a sloping site within the Las Lomas del Marbella Club estate. A small selection of apartments with two or three bedrooms is available from £108,000

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Advertisement for 'Selective Properties Marbella' with the phone number 01-311 1100.

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Advertisement for 'JAVEA COSTA BLANCA' and 'Prestige Homes'.

Large advertisement for 'SOTOGRANDE' and 'TONY JACKLIN' featuring 'OVERSEAS RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES LTD' and various property listings.

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Advertisement for 'LENNARDS PROPERTIES INTERNATIONAL' with various property listings in Geneva, Villars, Anzere, Evolene, Crans, and Haute Nendaz.

Advertisement for 'BAY OF ROSAS' and 'DENIA' properties.

Advertisement for 'Cypsun Estates consultants throughout Cyprus'.

Advertisement for 'DENIA - THE PERFECT CLIMATE' with a large image of a beachfront property.

Advertisement for 'Chestertons Overseas' and 'PUERTO BANUS - MARBELLA EXCLUSIVE LUXURY APARTMENTS'.

Advertisement for 'OSI Travel Plus Club' and 'THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL SERVICE FOR PROPERTY OWNERS ABROAD'.

Advertisement for 'UNDISPUTED LEADERS' and 'LA VILA VILLOJOYOSA, COSTA BLANCA'.

'NOTICE TO READERS' section with contact information.

Advertisement for 'MADRID - SPAIN' and 'EXCEPTIONAL PROPERTIES IN EXCITING LOCATIONS'.

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Saturday

Television and radio programmes

Summaries: Peter Dear, Peter Davalle

Sunday

BBC 1

- 10.00 Open University, Unit 8.25. The Saturday Picture Show presented by Mark Curry and Maggie Philbin. Cartoons, pop music and guests who include Adam Ant and Cliff Richard.

TV-am

- 6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Mike Morris, begins with a cartoon. News at 6.30, 7.00 and 8.00.

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Matt and Jenny on the Wilderness Trail. They reach a Canadian frontier town and start work in a hotel.



Clark Gable and Myrna Loy: Too Hot to Handle (Channel 4, 2.00). And members of the Ballet Nationale de Marseille (BBC 2, 7.55pm)

BBC 2

- 6.25 Open University, Unit 1.55. 1.55 Wimbledon 85 and Cricket Second Test, Harry Carpenter. One courts action from Wimbledon where the championships are now in their fifth day.

CHANNEL 4

- 1.05 Chipeo Comic. (r). 1.30 The Listening Eye. Magazine programme for the deaf and hard of hearing (r) (subtitled).

BBC 1

- 6.45 Open University, Unit 8.50. 8.55 Play School, presented by Chloe Ashcroft, Brian Jameson and Stuart Bradley.

TV-am

- 6.55 Good Morning Britain, begins with a cartoon for a Sunday. 7.00 Rub-a-Dub-Tub (r) 8.00 Are You Awake Yet? 8.20 The Sunday Programme.

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Speedy and Daffy. Cartoons. 9.45 Bugs Bunny. Cartoons. 10.00 Morning Worship with delegates at the Methodist Conference joining the congregation at Northfield Methodist Church.



David Wynne's Risen Christ: Chivalry of Heaven (Channel 4, 9.15pm). And Margo MacDonald (The Colour Supplement, Radio 4, 11.15am)

BBC 2

- 7.15 Open University, Unit 1.55. 1.55 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. Cricket, horse racing and Athletics are on the menu.

CHANNEL 4

- 1.05 Irish Gaelic examines the problems of Ireland's young drivers who must choose to float the law by not taking out insurance.

FREQUENCIES

Radio 1: 105.3kHz/285m; 108.9kHz/275m; Radio 2: 69.3kHz/433m; 90.9kHz/330m; Radio 3: 121.5kHz/247m; VHF 90.9-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz/150m; VHF 82-95; LBC 115.2kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 154.8kHz/194m; VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 145.8kHz/206m; VHF 94.9; World Service 164.8kHz/463m.

Radio 4

- On long wave, 1 Stereo VHF. 6.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing. Weather. 6.10 Today's Papers. 6.50 Prayer For The Day. 6.55 Weather. Travel.

Radio 3

- 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Aubade: Weber's Invitation to the Dance (Vienna SO/Baskovoly). Smetana's Poemas in F and B flat (Novosy, piano). Kay's Miniature Suite (London Baroque Ensemble).

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Travels with my art

No summer holiday is complete without a good book. Jan Morris introduces a three-page guide by revealing some of the artful dodges of travel writing; and Gontran Goulden picks the best of the genre

Actually, I am not very keen on travel books. I do not much like reading them, except the very, very best ones, of which I can think off-hand of eight, and I do not like to be categorized as a writer of them. I seldom write about travelling as such, and even when I write about places, I write specifically, if you will pardon an insufferable egotism, about their personal relationships. Manhattan or Paris, Rio or Shanghai, with me!

Years ago, when I was a foreign correspondent for this very newspaper, a Minister of National Guidance somewhere told me that my duty was to produce "thrilling, attractive and good news" corresponding where possible with the truth. I appreciated his instruction at the time - it exactly satisfied my own journalistic instincts - and have been doing my best to obey it ever since.

Perhaps he was justified. I may have misunderstood the creature's views, or it is possible - I forget the details now - that I made them up. The invention of opinion is inadmissible in my craft. The invention of characters, on the other hand, is a perfectly acceptable device, provided you make it clear that they are invented. I have brought many archetypes into the world, to stalk the streets of their cities, or act as sounding-boards to my own ideas and impressions - some from the present, some from the historical past but I regard them not exactly as fictional, more as ghosts or gnomes that I have conjured into view by



Foreign streets for Jan Morris (top left) to stalk: Manhattan and that 'neurotically confused' city, Vienna

what I fondly like to call my art. For my essays are entirely subjective, which means no doubt that in one reader's view they are full of insight, in another's downright impertinent. When I wrote my first essay about Sydney, which I then disliked very much, it was five full years before I got my last furious letter of reproach. On the other hand when I wrote about Dublin some years ago, the Irish Government gave me a week's holiday in Donegal, "down to the last Guinness", alas, the nearest I have ever got to material corruption.

Sometimes, my impressions are false. They are certainly often wrong in the detail, however right in the whole. I put Toronto on the wrong lake once. Far worse, I put Llanelli in the wrong county. Dates I tend to make up as I go along, often forgetting to check them later, and some unusually specific form of dyslexia frequently makes me write east when I mean west.

It hardly matters. A fact is only a fact, just as (I tell myself) when somebody breaks yet another piece of my Portmeirion china, a thing is just a thing. So intolerant have I become of mere facts, actually, that recently I decided to go beyond imaginary citizens, imaginary ghosts even, and create an entirely imaginary city. By this means I would release myself from the last shackles of realism, leave myself at liberty to juggle points of the compass as I pleased, and concentrate upon a single municipality in the mind all the various emotions with which, over the decades, I had inspected real cities. I have written a book about this place, which I called Hav. Here's an odd thing, though: free as I was to give this, my ultimate city, every attribute I wished for it, it has turned out in the end to be much less interesting than any of the actual places I have depicted down the years - far less compelling than Toronto, say, glittering on the shore of Lake Superior, let alone Llanelli, Dyfed.

BUILDINGS



The Cathedrals of England by Nikolaus Pevsner and Priscilla Metcalf (Viking, two volumes, £25 each)

It is impossible to write about Pevsner without a catch in one's throat. His work is colossal and all-embracing, magnificent in concept and intense in detail. Now, we have as it were, a new work, one which ranks, as its dedication implies, as a memorial to him and one to which he made a permanent and significant contribution. In the two volumes of The Cathedrals of England, Priscilla Metcalf has brought together the main entries from The Buildings of England enlarged and rewritten in clear and infinite detail to the pellucid standards of the Master himself. Sir Nikolaus wrote most of the descriptions himself and in these volumes, scholars, specialists and cathedral staffs have contributed to major revisions under the eye of Miss Metcalf, who worked closely with Pevsner before his death.

The books are beautifully printed, illustrated with superb black and white photographs and make a permanent record of the best of our architectural heritage. Miss Metcalf, who was born in Providence, Rhode Island, came here for two years in 1955, and has lived here ever since. She has been a British subject since 1960.

The Buildings of England: Leicestershire and Rutland by Nikolaus Pevsner (second edition revised by Elizabeth Williamson, Penguin, £16.95) In reading Elizabeth Williamson's introduction to the second edition one is bowled over by the army of those who have contributed to the revisions and also by the immensity of their

work. It is as if everywhere had been visited and re-visited not only with the eye of the original beholder and the sharpness and intensity of his or her gaze. Where we have a memorial to Sir Nikolaus in the two volumes mentioned above we have a lasting monument in The Buildings of England. It is a monument that may well live for ever, particularly in the light of its continuing revision and development.

Buildings of the Scottish Countryside, by Robert J. Naismith (Collins, £12.95) This book seduces by the charm of its photography and the Scottishness of its building types and townscapes. The Scottish vernacular lasted from about 1750 to 1914. The rubbish then began.

The Countryside Commission for Scotland commissioned Robert J. Naismith to write the book and supervise the computer analysis of some 23,000 rural dwellings picked at random. The graphical results are impressive. The text, though informative, could have done with more sunshine and a lighter touch. A most interesting book for everyone and most useful for those concerned with the placing of buildings in the landscape and the choice of material. It includes a useful Scottish-English dictionary of building terms.

France: A Phaidon Cultural Guide by Jacques-Louis Delpe (Phaidon, £11.50) The emphasis is on culture in this well-produced book. Its exact purpose is difficult to see, for it is not a comprehensive guide to the country but a selection of some 800 "treasures" most of them illustrated with colour photographs reminiscent of the glossier travel brochures. The towns concerned are clearly marked in the map section. Detailed town maps are provided for some towns and plans of some cathedrals are sprinkled in the text. Towns are shown in alphabetical order with their departments, population, and map reference. The book is too large for the pocket: it may perhaps fit in the glove drawer.

GUIDE-BOOKS



A Guide to the Architecture of London by Edward Jones and Christopher Woodward (Weidenfeld, £8.95) More correctly, I think, this should be entitled a 'critical Guide to the Architecture of London. It is well arranged and easy to follow if you are looking

for a building or its author, except when his name is wrongly spelt. The comparative tables are useful, the maps good and the pictures clear though minuscule. Some buildings are only referred to as something someone else did, and it was a clanger to omit the Zoo's Elephant House.

The New Shell Guide to Britain edited by George Spealight (Ebury Press, £14.95) Beautifully illustrated, this new guide follows the pattern of all Shell books and lacks nothing in the quality of its writing and the organization of its information. Essays on counties are contributed by specialists and each has its own alphabetical gazetteer. This is a book to keep, and to present to foreign visitors.

They Went to Portugal by Rose Macaulay (Penguin, £3.95) Rose Macaulay collected accounts of some of the motley gang of English who helped to make Portugal "our oldest ally". Their presence was either to pay court to the monarch or, as Port-persons, to make fortunes in the names of Croft, Warre, Cockburn, Sandeman and Coe rest. The Dame's rich collection makes a succulent nosebag.

Travels with a Donkey by Robert Louis Stevenson (Century, £4.95) One of the early hiker/campers took a heavy canvas fur-lined

TRAVELLERS I



Eight Feet in the Andes by Deriva Murphy (Century, £4.95) If you like travellers who are always wet, cold (or sweating), hungry, bitten by bugs, generally ragged with nails in their boots, and leading a mule, this is your read. Deriva Murphy describes her 1,300 mile walk from Cajamarca to Cusco, more or less in the steps of the Spanish conquistadores, with enormous skill. Her impression of the mighty Andes and their strange, poverty stricken but mainly kind, inhabitants are admirably written, while her accounts of moments of imminent disaster can only be described as vivid.

The Surprise of Cremona by Edith Templeton (Methuen, £4.95) There is some doubt in my mind whether Edith Templeton, the solitary traveller, prefers the architecture, mosaics, paintings and history of her handful of Italian towns or the "Tired Ones" who own the Alfa-Romeos, wear the dark and black glasses and specialize

in foreign females. Cyril Connolly called the book "a strip-tease Baedeker". Cremona held no staggering surprise, but Edith has a sharp tongue to tangle with the art experts, and a sharp eye for both art and Alfias.

Two towns in Provence by M. F. K. Fisher (Hogarth, £4.95) W. H. Auden said of Mary Frances Kennedy Fisher that he knew of no one in the United States writing better prose. When the prose concerns travel, love of France and the pleasures of good food, my cup is full.

Mrs Fisher has chosen Aix en Provence and Marseille for this double memoir. Most of the time she is alone with her two daughters, who go to a lycée in Aix, and they share her experiences of cheap hotels, impoverished genteel pensions, good and usually inexpensive restaurants, waiters, fish wives, starving beggars, drunks and general port ruff-raff. The pace is gentle and the pages are full of sunlight and colour under the plane trees, and the smells that go with gardens, god cooking, ancient drains and heat. A splendid, lovable book.

The Grand Irish Tour by Peter Somerville-Large (Penguin, £4.95) Peter Somerville-Large took a year to walk round Ireland and find a book with the adventures of 18th and 19th-century travellers. With these he wove his own connecting web of earlier and more up-to-date information into a close, and sometimes confusing, pattern. The talk is always absorbing and the anecdotes trip on one another's heels.

TRAVELLERS II



sleeping bag six feet square packed with clothes, a shopping basket, a leg of mutton (later thrown away) and a bar of black bread for his overladen donkey, "Modestine".

He enjoyed smoking his pipe under the stars, and had interesting sessions at the Trappist monastery of Our Lady of the Snows where a jolly gardening friar, Father Apollinaris, loved to talk, in spite of his vows of silence. A small gem.

Sailing Across Europe by Negley Farson (Century, £4.95) An interesting book, but the author is given to a hack's purple passages. Europe is just recovering from the First World War. In Germany the woods are full of Wandervogel, vagrant unemployed men and women; much of the conversation is about preparing for the next conflict. Farson took his cramped 26ft yawl from Holland to the Black Sea via the Ludwig's Canal, then said to be the least known waterway in the world. His only assistant was "crew" whom he subsequently married.

More books, pages 30, 31



SATURDAY

Out and about: Boats and boaters at Henley, page 35

Table with 2 columns: Arts diary, Film. Lists various events and their page numbers.

Advertisement for Jane Ellison's book 'A Fine Excess'. Includes quotes from reviewers and the publisher's name, Secker & Warburg.

Advertisement for Wainwright's 'On the Pennine Way'. Features a map and promotional text about the book's content and price.

Large advertisement for 'MARY WESLEY's Harnessing Peacocks' by Susan Hill. Includes the title, author's name, a quote from Susan Hill, and the publisher's name, Macmillan London.

SUMMER BOOKS II

Spreading wings of knowledge

BIRD LIFE

Derwent May

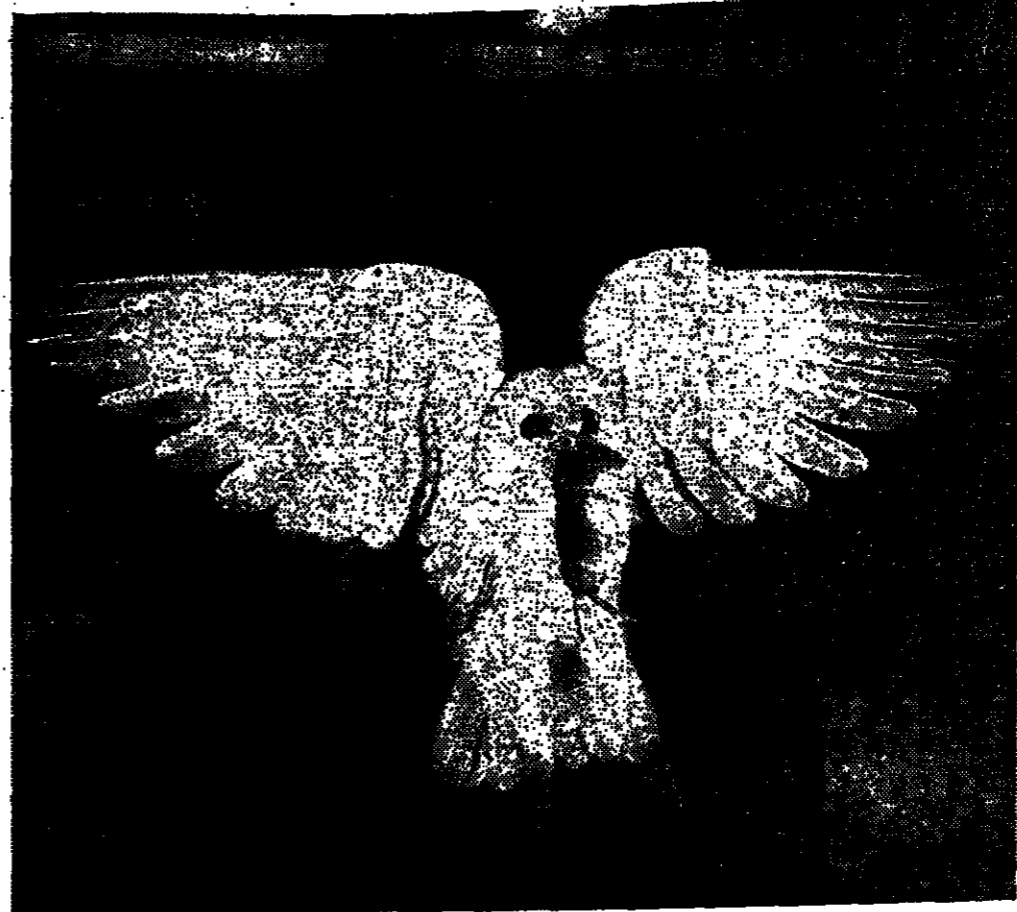
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ON THE BEACH

Philip Howard

A holiday without some good novels to read is like sand without sunshine or Truslove without Hanson...



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Fires by Marguerite Yourcenar, translated by Dorl Katz (Black Swan, £2.50) These nine monologues and narratives based on classical Greek myths by the grande dame of French literature were written in 1935 when she was 32...

The Camomile Lawn by Mary Wesley (Black Swan, £2.95) Mary Wesley did not publish her first adult novel, Jumping the Queue, until she was 70...



No yes-man: P. G. Wodehouse drawn by David Low in 1933

Rich seam of comedy from Tinseltown

HOLLYWOOD

Christopher Warman

The Hollywood Omnibus by P. G. Wodehouse (Hutchinson, £3.95) Here is another omnibus of Wodehouse works, the eighth such volume in a series which has concentrated on golf, the clergy and the Drones Club...

Doing the same, we can now get on with enjoying the latest collection, which covers the Hollywood world of nodders and yes-men, of temperamental film stars and tyrannical film magnates...

For three years after that, Hollywood did not want to know him, but he later returned, to have the same difficulties. Writing to his friend Bill Townsend in 1937, when a studio was being evasive about a contract, he commented: "Big strike now in the picture industry, which may close all

Early start for social realism

FOR CHILDREN

Brian Alderson

Howker (both MacRae, £6.95) The first, set in mean streets in South London, tells of a girl saved from her (scarpered) mother's criminal boyfriend and his fascist son through an unlikely friendship with an elderly lady...

The second, ostensibly told by a schoolboy, is set in a Lancashire mill town afflicted by recession, and it grafts a story about hunting an escaped panther on to a series of closely observed everyday scenes...

The critical acclaim which stuff like this attracts stems from a notion that it is relevant to the condition of a multitude of child readers and is therefore likely to be enjoyed by them...

I suppose that what he has in mind are books like the recent Janey by Bernard Ashley or The Nature of the Beast by Janni

determinedly oppressive. In Jan Mark's Trouble Half-Way (Kestrel, £5.95) we get what looks like the formula: Lorry-driving step-father carts his nervy step-daughter from Gravesend to Lancashire while house-proud mum is looking after granny. But such is the lightness of Jan Mark's touch, the consistency of her wit, that she creates a story whose chief failing is that it doesn't go on long enough...

And in Jill Paton Walsh's more dramatic, better-shaped Gaffer Samson's Luck (Kestrel £6.20) we get a similar lightness of touch. It is set in Jan Mark territory: the Fens, and tells with great compression the tale of a newcomer's acceptance by the village children and his friendship with the aged gaffer of the title...

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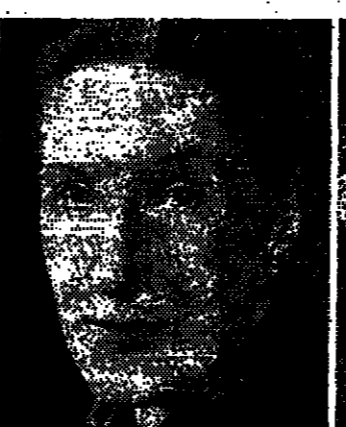
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SUMMER BOOKS III



Personal contacts: (from left) Rebecca West, Evelyn Waugh, C. S. Lewis, Elizabeth Bowen and Bertrand Russell; friends of A. L. Rowse

Glimpses of the great and good

On the night of November 3/4, 1839 an organized force of 7,000 miners from the coalfields of south Wales set out to march on Newport, intent on inaugurating a brave new Chartist world. In the armed clash between miners and troops at the Westgate Hotel in Newport, more than 20 miners were shot dead. Subsequently, more than 250 were arraigned in the last mass treason trial in British history.

Merlin? Count Nikolai Tolstoy believed that Merlin was a real person and argues his case eloquently in his *The Quest for Merlin*. According to the Count, Merlin was a historical figure, living in what are now the Scottish Lowlands at the end of the 6th century AD: he was an authentic prophet, most likely a shaman/Druid, surviving in a pagan enclave in the north.

HISTORY Glyn Daniel

The Last Rising by David J. V. Jones (Clarendon Press, £12.50) The Quest for Merlin by Nikolai Tolstoy (Hamish Hamilton, £12.95) The Temple Scroll by Yigael Yadin (Weidenfeld & Nicholson, £14.95) Glimpses of the Great by A. L. Rowse (Methuen, £12.50) Loved Ones by Diana Mosley (Sidgwick & Jackson, £12.95)

and detective-like deciphering of what has turned out to be the most important of the Dead Sea Scrolls discovered so far; which sheds new light on obscurities in the Bible and on the ideas prevailing during the century and a half before Jesus.

Rowse wishes he had been to a public school. He reveals arrogant sentiments. "I never waste time on ordinary people's opinions - almost always nonsense, whether about religion or sex, politics or economics; with them I exchange only facts. There are very few people in all the world with whom one can discuss the things that matter: there is so little to discuss with them."

Down tools and study the craft

Midsummer is the time of maximum despair for us students of the gardener's craft. In winter we dream and plan, poring over books and seductive catalogues; in spring we hope as life and promise return to the empty and lifeless plot. But summer is a sadder, wiser time, once the surging, burgeoning profusion of May has slowed; summer reveals our insufficiencies.

GARDENING



lifelong companion. Other notable reissues are Miles Hadfield's classic *History of British Gardening* and Christopher Lloyd's *The Adventurous Gardener*.

After Russell Page to help with shape and purpose, turn next to Penelope Hobhouse. Her book *Colour in your Garden* is not as at first sight glossy, though lavishly illustrated, compendium. But Penelope Hobhouse speaks with a clear, straightforward voice, even when addressing herself to a complex analysis of colour theory which takes this book far beyond anything else I have read on the subject.

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Classical records REVIEW

Forgotten Rossini works return with a flourish

Rossini: Maometto II. Anderson / Zimmerman / Palacio / Ramey. Philharmonia / Scimone. Philips CD 412 148-2 (3 CDs). Also cassette / black disc.



Victorian favourite: Rossini

I trust that Rossini is even now seated at some well-spread celestial dinner table smiling at the way his "forgotten" operas are being remembered this summer. Here in one month come the first recordings of *Maometto II* and *La donna del lago* from Philips and CBS respectively.

day; but when the work was revised for Venice a happy ending was required and it was a case of *omnia vincit amor*. Rossini presumably was not too worried and reworked it yet again for Paris as *Le siège de Corinthe*, recorded in an indifferent version (now deleted) by EMI some ten years ago.

Of this month's pair releases *La donna del lago* comes with the bigger musical reputation. It was a Victorian favourite, possibly because of the libretto's use of Sir Walter Scott's narrative poem, and it attracted singers of the calibre of Grisi, Alboni and Mario.

The Rossini scholar, Philip Gossett in CBS's libretto (which contains some of the worst illustrations encountered in a long while) makes high claims for *Donna*: "most romantic of Rossini's Italian operas ... one of the most engaging operas Rossini ever wrote ... perhaps Rossini's most tuneful opera."

Neither Diana nor Oswald seemed to have understood the intense distrust the English had of anyone who had dealings with Hitler, or realized that the British Empire had to break up.

Opera, relatively speaking

Philip Glass: Einstein on the Beach. The Philip Glass Ensemble. CBS Masterworks Mr 38875 (4 records).

yet one's general bafflement at the whole enterprise is not alleviated by these and nor would it be by a five performance. The opera, if I understand its intentions correctly, is supposed to enlighten our perceptions of the man Einstein was, through placing him in a situation of a nuclear holocaust; (the title refers to Nevil Shute's novel on the same subject).

DRINK

Battle for independents

The English High Street is changing. Discerning wine shoppers realized long ago that the corner off-licence could not supply all their vinous requirements and instead turned to the specialist mail-order merchants.

stucked some of the most tempting and temptingly priced bottles in the High Street was bought out by a group of ex-winey businessmen.

Not enough Davids to take on the brewing Goliaths

Warehouses with eight branches in addition to a warehouse in Battersea, and plans for new branches in Clapham and Salisbury. Majestic works on the simple and successful policy, originated by Barnett, of selling a vast range of freshly first division wines at rock-bottom prices.

Jane MacQuitty

TRAVEL

Edited by Shona Crawford Poole

Fine thin line under the vine

Golden in name and nature, France's Cote d'Or is a wine-lover's dream. Shona Crawford Poole samples the attraction of a patchwork land

Spitting practice had been planned, but forgotten. It seemed a good idea to prepare for an initiation into wine tasting by learning how to spit it out straight, or anyway not down the front of one's shirt.

It was only the idea of spluttering that was inhibiting of course. When the moment came to sniff and chew the wine, to draw air in over it (the noisiest bit), to hold it in the mouth while breathing out through the nose (the best bit), and to spit it out, there was no problem.

Above ground are the vines, which rot off to such a slow start this year after exceptional winter frosts and a cold spring, that in late May the land was still predominantly golden brown with just a misting of new green growth.

The Côte d'Or, a strip of earth stretching less than 40 miles from Dijon south to Chagny, is so narrow that the limits of the vineyards are constantly surprising. In places it is no more than waving distance from side to side, yet its hallowed hectares, sloping gently to the sun, produce some of the world's finest and best known wines.

Beaujeu as the roll of honour thunders on: Volnay, Meursault, Chassagne Montrachet, and Santenay.

No knowledge of viticulture is required to extract pleasure from vineyards, so much is plain to the uninitiated eye. The worth of the land is advertised in its division over and over again into an intricate patchwork of differently worked pockets.

Can't you see the café talk, the stirring of glasses of kir with vine-worm fingers, the shrugging at the other man's theory, the pausing, the reconsidering, the banter. Because for all that this land has been under the vine for a thousand years and more and for all the wisdom passed from father to son down the centuries, it is in the conjunction of inexplicable quirks of soil, of weather, and of fortune as well as skill that the great wines lie.

Tasting is offered at every turn. Information offices in Dijon, Nuits St Georges, and Beaune distribute sheets listing Dégustation gratuite de Grands Crus de Bourgogne. And in every village, along every lane siren blackboards, hanging signs and painted barrel tops implore the passer by to Visiter nos caves to sample the wares within. The idea may be to solicit bulk purchases but it hardly shows.

I cannot remember when I last met so many people who were happy, in their work and with their lives. That showed in all manner of pleasant ways, starting with unfailing courtesy. There was Claude Enjalbert at Château Génot Boulanger in Meursault, whose pleasure and pride in its cellars and their contents was as transparent as it was infectious.

From there the Lequins at Santenay, welcoming when we arrived unannounced with only a card from a neighbour by way of introduction and, in the same village, Pierre



Fresh fruit galore: the popular Saturday morning market at Beaune

Maufoux who, like everyone else, was so generous with his time and knowledge that you knew you had strayed into a more civilized world.

Burgundians are proud to be known as trenchermen. You will not hear a good word said here about nouvelle cuisine, but the Michelin inspectors and Gault Millau Guide find plenty to praise. None the less it was a nice surprise to find the three star Lameloise at Chagny giving the best value I have come across in many moons. Like the violinist or

dancer who has long ago mastered technique and is free to create magic in sound or movement, the cooking of Lameloise père and fils is easy, uncluttered, elegant. The set lunch for four, including an indecent number of small, unadorned mouthfuls, with two good bottles, was a bargain at £26 a head.

TRAVEL NOTES

VFR, Vacances Franco-Britanniques of 1 St Margaret's Terrace, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL50 4DT, (0242) 526338 arranged the Townsend Thorson crossing from Dover to Calais, an overnight stop on the way south at the comfortable L'Auberge du Vendouil near St Quentin and self-catering accommodation in the village of St Saire l'Abbaye. This was a modern house, rather grander than the usual gîte, with pretty views and a good base for inspecting the whole area.



A cheap passage to India... and back

Louise Nicholson turns courier to make her pounds stretch a long way

I have just made a round trip to Bombay for £250. As an on-board courier, I flew out on British Airways, back on Air-India, both on scheduled confirmed flights. It was almost as painless as it sounds.

My annual trip to India had been in jeopardy: I was broke. I had heard and read about courier flying. Flipping through the Yellow Pages, I found a firm who wanted someone to go to Bombay in six days' time - although it seemed that if I had wanted to go to Australia I would have had to wait until next year, but I could have gone to Hong Kong or Johannesburg sooner and to New York almost immediately.

International courier services are a fast-expanding industry. Their speediest service, used mostly for documents, bypasses customs delays by using an on-board courier who takes the goods as personal baggage in the hold and clears them through customs himself on arrival. His is told what the baggage contains but is not legally liable for it. Most couriers are full-time employees, although some firms, such as Hay Courier International, Securicor, Inflight Courier Co Ltd and Jet Services, take on some freelancers for their long-haul flights to America, South Africa, Australasia and the Middle and Far East.

had to learn the trade. The instructions took under a minute on the telephone and were to be repeated several times before I passed through passport control. Next, I had to visit the central London office. Here I paid up, received the simple procedure instructions in writing, and was looked over to see that I was reliable, although I could also be rejected later by their representative at Heathrow. And most important, I was given my bright yellow over-night bag and firmly reminded that the weight limit was 8 kilos.

I put off packing. At the last minute, I flung what I thought were my absolute necessities into the yellow bag. But how was I to check the weight? I trotted down to - my local butcher who hung it up beside the carcasses. 11 kilos. Horrors. Back home I threw out Nivea (available in India at a price), a pair of shoes (extremely cheap in India), extra shampoo (Indian shampoo is OK) and two weighty novels.

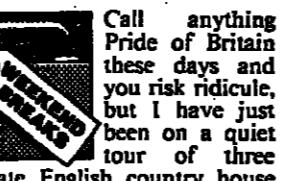
And that was really the only tricky part of my brief employment. I never had to lift the sacks of documents; I merely had to acknowledge that they and I were travelling on the same ticket. At Heathrow, the representative ushered me through check-in and gave me an envelope of papers for Bombay customs. At Bombay, a large Indian woman met me and triumphed over a little Indian bureaucracy trouble. The return journey was just as surprisingly smooth. And, incidentally, I had a wonderful holiday in India.

For the freelance courier, the overwhelming advantage is the cost. Technically, my ticket was free. The £250 was an administration fee which varies considerably from firm to firm and can even be nothing. The main disadvantage is that the firm uses the baggage weight allowance in the hold. So, a courier can take cabin luggage only, about 8 kilos packed into the over-night bag provided by the firm. That applies to the return journey too, so big-time holiday spending is out. My trip also had a fixed return date after three weeks whereas some firms, especially those that do daily New York runs, can be more flexible, and some offer one-way jobs.

Having found my flight, I

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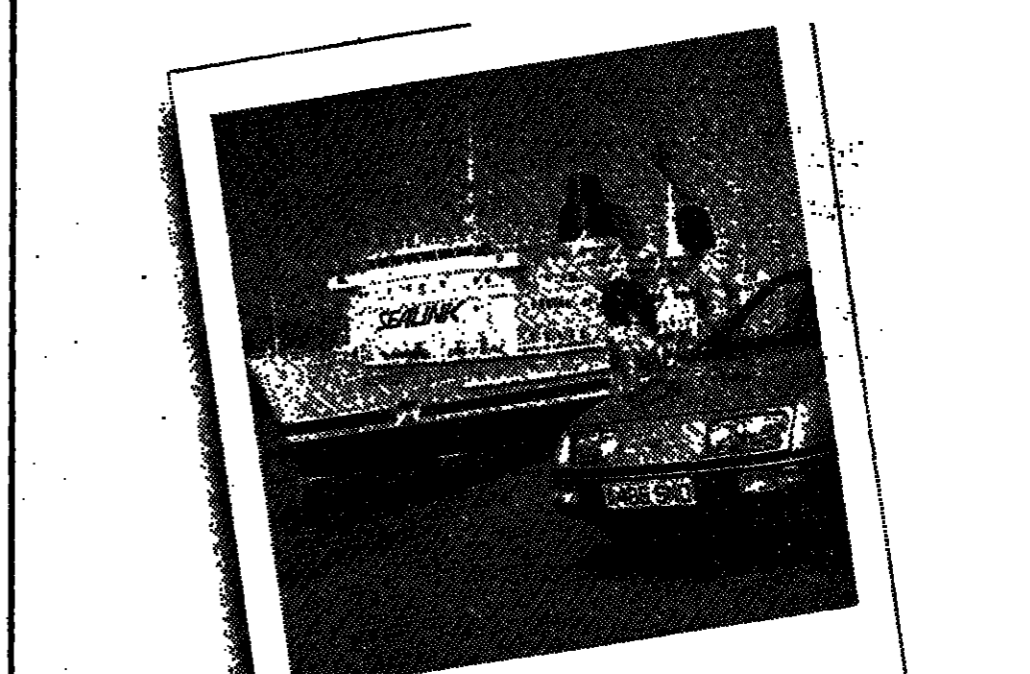
British and proud of it



Robin Young finds country delights as he puts three hotels to the test

Call anything Pride of Britain these days and you risk ridicule, but I have just taken a quiet tour of three private English country house hotels which belong to a partnership with the temerity to label itself Pride of Britain, and Francophile though I am, I was not inclined to scoff or complain once.

There are perils to hotel management in these period places. One of the four-poster beds is so monumental that it is quietly cracking, the dining room ceiling, Mrs Elliott, who personally selects all the decor and furnishings, is keeping a wary eye on that. Ingenuity and sacrifice have been required to give all the dozen rooms their en-suite bathrooms and even during our stay an English craftsman was at work in the beamed attics.



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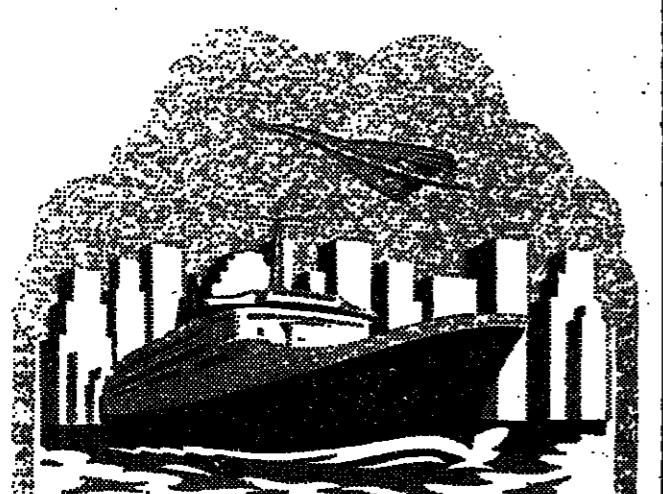
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IN THE GARDEN

Undermining capabilities in the park

One sleepless night in the summer of 1788, Humphrey Repton, country gentleman and amateur artist, hit upon the idea of becoming a landscape gardener.

Michael Young on the gentleman who took landscaping to new horizons

Capability Brown had been dead for five years and Repton grasped the opportunity to become Brown's successor, quickly assimilating the work of the English landscape school and the writings of the garden pundits, Mason and Whately. With good connections and well-placed friends, Repton was soon in business.

produce pleasing objects to the eye. For Repton, the interior, the environs alongside the house could be "cultivated and enriched by art". Herein lies the real difference between him and Brown. Brown brought his landscape "right up to the drawing-room window, banishing flowers to behind walled enclosures in the process. Repton reintroduced flowers, displaying them on terraces and parterres and using the small formal spaces created between parkland and house as a visual buffer to remove the incongruity of Brown's work.



The art of cultivation: the landscaped gardens of Sheffield Park, designed by Humphrey Repton

ments, composition, improvement, are so many symptoms of art (which) ought to be displayed without reserve near the house; it is a scene of the most cultivated nature; it ought to be enriched; it ought to be adorned.

lift to reveal the same scene after those improvements had reached maturity. It is through these books that we can most appreciate Repton's many and varied skills. Even so, the monotony and the lack of a variety exhibited in the mature English landscape style at the close of the 18th century continued to attract condemnation. Writers such as Uvedale Price repeatedly launched their barbs at Brown and the school he represented, and thus, by implication, Repton as well.

For Price, Brown was "worse than ignorant... everything he did is to be avoided. The basis of all invention is in the exclusive attachment to one manner, and that above all others is the character of Mr Brown's school of improvement."

Where to visit Examples can be seen at Sheffield Park, 2.5 miles, Uckfield, East Sussex (0825 790 855). Open until Nov, Tues-Sat 11am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm.

Seaside plants to soldier in the front line

Sheltered coasts humming with wildlife and coastal verdure can be a beautiful sight for a lush, varied and colourful garden. But windswept shores also signal the difficulties of gardening by the sea.

are rarely pretty but give the necessary cover for the more delicate and attractive flowers and shrubs. If you have a choice, select a site which has the protection of a hill, or which is in a depression. Try to use existing trees or plants to give cover for your future plantings.

plaster, cotoneaster and mango. One of the soil is *Eucalyptus japonicus*, an evergreen which appears to accept most things but dislikes the cold.

Deciduous plants for first line defences are headed by the common sycamore, followed by the ash trees and some of the sorbus, in particular *Sorbus intermedia*. Smaller trees to try are forms of crataegus, the buckthorns such as *Hippophae rhamnoides* and *Prunus spinosa* which survive winds and salt.

early autumn so you can plant when the soil is still warm. The area should be dug with manure, neat leaf mould or well-rotted compost. If you are unable to plant in the autumn wait until the weather begins to improve in the spring. Good staking is crucial.

A cloche is now available, designed to fit over a Gro Bag - itself an innovation. The cloche can be transformed into four different shapes. Made of two-week polypropylene, which is very durable, it is versatile enough for use during much of the year and can be used to protect virtually any crop which fits under its frame.

BRIDGE Forced on the defensive

The rumbles of displeasure with artificial systems first heard at the World Olympiad in Seattle have erupted into a full-blown storm. The European Bridge League, at a meeting in Monte Carlo, has imposed a ban on Strong Pass systems.

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EATING OUT Where appetites meet their match in Wimbledon

dishes are here, but with minestrone at £2.50, you will realize that you are paying, if not through the nose, then certainly through the chest.

ably-priced wine-list, there are good draught lagers (Heineken and Stella Artois). For the statistician, strawberries and cream here (good quality and quantity) are £1.50 a bowl.

three useful venues outside the immediate Wimbledon area: there's a homely, friendly French bistro Les Amoureux in a Merton shopping-parade, which specializes in provincial southern French dishes.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 683)

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, July 4, 1985. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC9 9YT. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, July 6, 1985.

DORSET: THE DORSET COAST

There is only one way of approaching the Studland peninsula from the east - by the "floating bridge" chain ferry across the narrow neck of water from Poole. Walkers dazed by the flat tramp along this long spit of land can join the route four miles further along at Swanage. From here it is a marvellously lofty walk on the great cliff range marching westwards towards Kilmereidge, Lulworth Cove and Weymouth; there is also the prospect of an excellent circular walk via Worbarrow, inland to Whiteway Hill and back along the ridge to Corfe.

OUTINGS

ARTISTS' WEEKEND AT THE WATERWAYS MUSEUM: For all narrow boat enthusiasts, two days of assorted events from artists and craft workers. The Waterways Museum, Stoke Bruerne, Northants (0604 862229). Today, tomorrow, 11am-5pm. Admission free.

MURDER COMPETITION RESULTS

The winner of The Times Murder Competition is Caroline Hill, 84 Haying Riders, High Salt water, Worthing, West Sussex. She won a weekend break at the Grand Atlantic Hotel in Weston-Super-Mare.

CHESS

Taken by surprise

Part of the fascination of chess resides in the overwork of those rare players who are apparently invincible. At the top level chess exhibits a high draw potential, and it is, therefore, always a revelation to witness the defeat of those masters who are either content to avoid all risks or who have elevated their knowledge and command of technique to a pinnacle where loss should, in theory, be excluded. Among such can be numbered Capablanca, Petrosian, Andersson and the world champion, Karpov himself.

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FOOD NOTES

San Lorenzo Fiumorose, Worple Road, London SW19 (01-948 9453). Open: daily 12.30-3pm and 7.30-11pm.

AUCTIONS

ROYAL PORCELAIN: The Sévres dinner service given to the Vicomte de Chateaubriand by Louis XVIII of France in 1823 is for sale on Monday, together with a punch bowl probably made for Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette. Also plenty of good German porcelain and Italian Majolica.

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ENTERTAINMENTS

Ethel Merman gets the bird in Brentford!

'Call me Miss Birdseye' A tribute to Ethel Merman with Libby Morris, David Kerman & Jack Tinker.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Music sweetens a director's austere taste

FILMS ON TV

Jean-Marie Straub, a Frenchman who has worked mostly in Germany and Italy, is the apostle of what has been called minimalist cinema.

This is a spare, austere style of film-making that eschews the very devices which normally set up contact between director and audience... 'The Chronicle of Anna Magdalena'...

main theme - the making of wonderful music. Starting with the Brandenburg Concerto No 5, Bach's music accompanies the story of his life to the end.

The music is composed and practised before our eyes. We see Bach and his companion, bewigged, formal, giving birth to some of the most glorious harmonies ever written...

Marcel Berlins



Making waves: Warren Beatty with Lee Grant in Shampoo

RECOMMENDED

Shampoo (1975): Smart, slightly dated sex comedy about a randy Hollywood hairdresser... The Emperor Jones (1933): Paul Robeson's first and most impressive film role...

Bare bones of a twisting thriller

TELEVISION

Jim Taggart, the tough Glasgow police inspector, first seen in the serial, Killer, shows 18 months ago, returns to the screen on Tuesday in the first episode of a three-part thriller, Dead Ringer.

whose husband is serving a life sentence for her murder, a confession Taggart squeezed out of the man who later retracted his statement.

A strong supporting cast includes Alexander Morton as the husband and Ron Bain, normally a comedy show regular, in a straight role.

The emotive topic of euthanasia is the subject of three programmes to be shown on consecutive Saturdays...

ers Disease, and had pleaded for ages to be put out of her misery. Gilbert eventually shot two bullets into her head.

The prosecutor, a brash young man, warned the jury of feeling sorry for the defendant; the defence, an experienced and world-weary lawyer, argued that the shooting was an act of love.

Our First Year in the First Tuesday documentary series (Tuesday ITV 10.30 - 11.30pm) is the story of a remarkable reunion of ten Jewish women...

with Alston's Rainbow Pippies and Christopher Bruce's Ghost Dances from Wobley...

Wide world of theatre writ small

RADIO

A new genre has emerged to replace the whodunnit - the 'you-dunnit', which points an accusing finger at an audience which may have come no closer to the events described than a newspaper.

The Day of Reckoning (Wednesday, Radio 3, 8-10.05pm), John Spurling's play, is described as 'panoramic drama', the cast list leaving room for little else in Radio Times...

The Radio Drama department is 'miniature London's theatreland'...

The Emperor Jones (1933): Paul Robeson's first and most impressive film role...

Another Time, Another Place (1985): Beautifully filmed, evocative, sensitive story of a worker sent to Coventry...

Also returning is Radio Active (Friday, Radio 4, 12.27-1pm). Its half hour in the past has been the inventiveness with which a possibly restricting formula...

Malcolm Forbes, owner of the business magazine, Forbes is the subject of the first of four films about the world's great private art collectors...

Tonight would have been the 1792nd edition of Desert Island Discs with Roy Plomley talking to the film director Alan Parker...

Peter Dear

CONCERTS

KELTERBORCH CHANGES: Wilfried Boettcher conducts the RNCM Symphony Orchestra in Kelterborch's Changes...

MELISSA PHELPS: The cellist Melissa Phelps presents an unusual programme taking in the Suites of 1930 by Heitor Calves...

Andrei Serban's Il trovatore on Tues and Fri. Then on Wed and July 5 The Masteringers of Murnburg...

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ROCK & JAZZ

SUNSLASH: Capital Radio's annual all-fresh reggae day has a reputation as a good natured event...

DANCE INTERNATIONAL: Ending BBC Television's short season of dance programmes, Aspects of Love...

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DIRECT STRAITS: Promoting the fair-to-excellent material from Brothers in Arms...

HOWARD COSTER 1985-1989: Coster billed himself as a Photographer of Men when working in London during the 1920s and 1930s...

INDIANS OF PERU: Talented young British photographer, Paul Yule...

JAZZ AT THE MANOB: Taking the place of the late-night jazz club...

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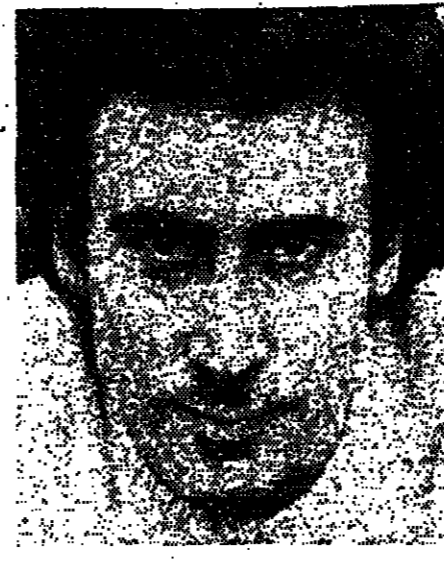
DANCE ● SUPER BRAT: Katherine Healy at 16 is one of the stars of the Festival Ballet's season at the London Coliseum.



CONCERTS ● BATON CHARGE: Riccardo Muti returns to conduct his old orchestra, the Philharmonia.



FILMS ● GARDEN PATH: Deborah Kerr makes an unusual screen comeback in The Assam Garden.



THEATRE ● LIFE FORCE: Anthony Sher, fresh from his triumph as Richard III, plays Father Flota.



TELEVISION ● LOOK BACK: John Osborne, whose Look Back in Anger revolutionized the theatre of the 1950s.



OPERA ● NEW VOICE: John Graham-Hall, who was spotted while still at the Royal College of Music.

THE TIMES CHOICE

THEATRE

IN PREVIEW MUTINY: David Essex as Fletcher Christian in a musical version of the Mutiny on the Bounty story.

10, Gisela May of the Berliner Ensemble (July 13); Riccardo Brown's British debut in Shaw's The Shrewing-Up of Bianca Posner.

TWO INTO ONE: Ray Cooney's riotous farce of marital misunderstanding involving a philandering politician.

SILVER CITY (15): Polish immigrants in post-war Australia; routine love story, though its tenderness and nose for detail make it worth watching.

OPENINGS

BENGAL LANCER: Tim Pigott-Smith in William Ayott's one-man show tracing the spiritual and mental development of Francis Yeats-Brown.

SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS: London stage debut for the famous MGM film musical.

OUT OF TOWN EDINBURGH: Traverse Theatre. The Price of Experience by Ken Ross: First professional stage play by writer Ross.

GALLERIES OPENINGS ARTIST OF THE DAY: Art on the trot, with the display changing each night.

SELECTED

FEIFFER'S AMERICA: Ed Bishop leads a sparkling cast in the cartoonist's scabrous look at the American political scene.

THE MANDATE: British premiere of Nikolai Erdman's 1924 comedy The Shrewing-Up of Bianca Posner.

A TASTE OF WATER (15): A Dutch, curate's-eggish tale about a social worker's growing emotional involvement with a wild child.

ENGLISH CARICATURE: The joke's on us. As it has been left to the United States to supply and mount the greater part of the exhibition of our visual humour.

INTERNATIONAL THEATRE

SEASON: London's Studio '88 has organized a brief but concentrated season, including visits by the Conservatoire de la Comedie Francaise.

GUYS AND DOLLS: Lulu (above) is absolutely right for the role of Miss Adelaide in the National Theatre's exuberant revival.

OUR STORY (15): A bizarre concoction from the French director Bertrand Blier.

ART TO AID AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: Work donated by such high-class artists as Patrick Hughes, Sir Hugh Casson.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE LEEDS PLAYHOUSE: Special subscription priority booking for autumn/winter season.

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: Autumn season includes new productions of Gotterdammerung and Così fan tutte.

CAVALCADE: Last performance tonight of Noel Coward's play, with cast led by Joanna McCallum.

HIGHLIGHTS OF HOGARTH'S ART: Prints by the 18th-century satirist, including complete sets of "A Harlot's Progress" and "Marriage à la Mode".

Advertisement for British Heart Foundation. Includes text: 'They've both got heart disease. We want to know why.' and a coupon to request more information.

Advertisement for ticket availability performance and opening times. Includes text: 'For ticket availability performance and opening times, telephone the numbers listed.'

Fame and fortune for a lucky man



Alan Price, the 1960s pop star, has won acclaim in theatre and film. He talks to David Sinclair about his new musical

It is tempting to draw parallels between the fortunes of Tom Rakewell, the central character in Alan Price's new musical Who's a Lucky Boy?

ARTS DIARY

Rolling off the rails

The BBC has decided to scrap Rollercoaster, the troublesome brainchild of Radio 4 controller David Hatch.

Devil rides out

A film project started by Dylan Thomas in 1947 finally reaches the big screen in the autumn.

Big brother

After three years preparing drawings and models for a memorial to George Orwell, the sculptor Michael Sandle fears he may have laboured in vain.

No script dip

The flood of unsolicited manuscripts sent by aspiring playwrights to theatres shows no sign of abating.

Edinburgh anatomist Dr Knox

and his dealings with body snatchers. Although published in 1953 the script passed through several hands before an abortive attempt was made to shoot it in Yugoslavia in the late 1960s.

Who's a Lucky Boy?

opens at the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester (061 833 9833) on July 9. Previews from Thursday.

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